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Development Corporation Urged To Get a Letter of Commitment



Chairman L.P. Lewis (front right) presided over a recent GVDC meeting where non-board members were invited and encouraged to express their views.

By Gerry L. Galvan

Flexing muscles to achieve its goals for Visitacion Valley, the Geneva Valley Development Corporation (GVDC) again met July 28 after having attracted Democratic Party politicians into a beehive of neighborhood involvement.

Representative Nancy Pelosi from California's 8th District, who received and sat down with John King and his fellow GVDC members early in July, has helped to elevate various GVDC issues and problems to both city and federal levels. She wrote to Mayor Willie Brown and expressed her "strong support" for the project of HUD transferring the Geneva Towers property to the City of San Francisco.

Taking the cudgels for the GVDC, Pelosi stated the organization "needs to be formally designated as the redevelopment corporation for Visitacion Valley. Expressing a strong desire to see Brown's active involvement in various goings-on in Visitacion Valley, she said, "The corporation needs a letter of commitment for the redevelopment of Geneva Towers so that it may seek additional funds from other sources."

A letter to be initiated by the City and sent to HUD requesting an exception from HUD's conflict of interest regulations was also specified by Pelosi to the S.F. Mayor.

One roadblock to speedy implementation of GVDC's plans in the Valley is a provision by HUD's Home Investment Program which prohibits the California Mutual Housing Association (CMHA) from providing technical assistance to GVDC.

Pelosi categorically requested that the mayor spell out a waiver request in the letter to HUD.

At this instance, it should be pointed out that CMHA has provided GVDC with organizational and management services since GVDC's inception earlier this year. Grouping of 17 leading Valley residents into a board, a drafting of the organization's

by-laws, and an interim management have been some aspects of CMHA's role at the GVDC.

As it now stands, GVDC is administered by an interim executive director, Dennis Hicks, who was sworn in during a June 29 executive board meeting presided by Chairman L.P. Lewis.

On the lighter side, leadership at GVDC injected a bit of humor into the proceedings of one of its board meetings aimed at establishing dignity and decorum among members and guests. A set of rules roughly titled *Ground Rules for Valley Meetings* was made available to all 17 board members with the following guidelines:

- *Respect each other;
- *Stay focused on agenda;
- *No disruptive behavior - no put down, accusations, yelling or physical fighting, interrupting;
- *One person will speak at a time, when recognized by the chair;
- *A person will stop speaking if the chair or facilitator requests him/her to stop;
- *No repetition of the same issues - the chair will determine if there is repetition of the same issues; and
- *Speak from own experience, not what other people have said.



Gwen Henry (l) joined Valley resident Beatriz Faronda and L.P. Lewis to exchange ideas.

Health Care Center Planning to Open In September On Leland Avenue

Renovation has begun to a storefront building at 82 Leland Ave. for a new medical clinic scheduled to open in September.

Sale of the property became finalized July 25 to St. Luke's Health Care Center, an offshoot last year of St. Luke's Hospital. Plans for the new clinic include subdividing the existing interior into six separate rooms, as well as several community events sponsored by St. Luke's, including a dinner, to celebrate the center's grand opening.

Arbitration Decision Aids in Repayment Of Debt to City

Both Mayor Willie Brown and Shanti, a leading nonprofit AIDS service agency, announced July 9 an award of \$711,859 in damages from its former auditors, the Antonini Professional Corporation. This award will be used to repay Shanti's debt of \$499,748 to San Francisco to cover both expenses of the arbitration and support services for people with AIDS (FWAs).

"Today marks a new beginning for Shanti," said Executive Director Gloria J. Sandoval. "Throughout the period in which we awaited completion of the legal proceedings that have now cleared Shanti's name and made possible repayment of its debt to the City, the agency never stopped delivering its critically needed services to people with AIDS."

"I am very pleased that the integrity of Shanti, which has been so important to the AIDS service delivery system in San Francisco has been totally and completely vindicated," said Mayor Brown at the press conference.

Shanti's debt to the City arose from the discovery, during a routine audit in February 1993, that Shanti's accounting of government contract funds for Fiscal Year 1991-92 was not in compliance with government procedures. The Antonini accounting firm had previously certified Shanti's compliance with these procedures.

Coopers & Lybrand's re-audit in January 1994 showed that Shanti had expended the \$449,748 for direct services for PWAs, but that these expenses were not covered by the contracts. Although many of the expenses may have been allowable had Shanti submitted budget modifications to its contracts, Shanti agreed to refund the full amount to the City's AIDS Office. Shanti then sought damages from Antonini in binding arbitration, as specified by its contract with the accounting firm.

Since 1993, Shanti has significantly upgraded its financial management systems. Its Fiscal Year 1994-95 audit marked the third consecutive year in which no material weaknesses were identified in Shanti's internal controls, and its practices and systems were found to be completely in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles, as well as with the specific requirements of government contracts.

"Over the past three years, Shanti has developed extremely strong financial controls while continuing to deliver critically needed services to people with AIDS," said Mitch Katz, M.D., director of the City's AIDS Office. "Repayment of its debt to the City will now allow Shanti to move forward with its plans for important new AIDS services."

Shanti is a nonprofit organization that has been dedicated since 1981 to enhancing the quality of life and independence of people with AIDS while reducing their need for institutional care. Over the course of the epidemic, Shanti has served more than 80 percent of PWAs in San Francisco.

More than 8,000 volunteers have delivered over two million hours of practical and emotional support to PWAs in need. This year, the agency will marshal 460 volunteers and a \$2.2 million budget to serve more than 2,000 clients.

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Communication and Transportation Committee Adopted by Task Force

Visitacion Valley Task Force (VUTF) members voted to establish a special Communication and Transportation committee at their regular July 27 meeting to improve neighborhood outreach and mobility.

Lisa Wichser floated the idea that transportation be included into a committee suggested by Rita Ardian to improve community outreach in the Valley by exploring ways of relaying bilingual information to local residents through the media, including the Grapevine.

Soon to be organized, the new committee is being formed on the heels of safety concerns for students going to and from classes in hours of darkness.

VUTF's Safety Subcommittee is already looking into ways of providing transportation for ESL students.

NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Officer Raymond Gee from Ingleside Station reported at the safety subcommittee's July 20 meeting that three Chinese-speaking sergeants had recently been hired and that additional patrols are being considered. He also

stressed that local residents must continue to report crimes when they occur. Police can access radio channel 1450, which broadcasts bilingual programs, to inform residents of activities and respond to inquiries.

CAR BREAK-INS

Local residents are asked to call police and report any suspicious activity in lieu of a recent series of car break-ins in the vicinity of the Community Center. A light-skinned Hispanic male, 5'6", 140 pounds with a mustache has been seen near the crime scenes.

GENEVA TOWERS

Aman Environmental Construction, currently handling the restoration of San Francisco City Hall, was selected to demolish the now-abandoned Geneva Towers with method, implosion or wrecking ball, to be determined later.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

An advisory council of nine members from nine City communities is being organized to begin in August and serve as a liaison between the

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Beacon Begins to Shed Some Light

One month after its June 10 opening, things are beginning to happen at the Visitacion Valley Community Beacon Center and the Middle School (VVMs).

ESL classes, recreational and athletic activities, environmental programs, and community outreach comprise the Beacon Center's current programming. And as fall approaches and school returns, the Beacon will expand to include a variety of after school activities, sports, clubs, tutoring, health services, counseling and support services. An array of offerings to assist families will also soon be provided by the Beacon's Family Resource Center.

Funded by a \$100,000 Enterprise Community grant, Bilingual Education Support Services (BESS) ESL classes at both the Beacon Center and Visitacion Valley Community Center (VVMs) include: Beginning English, vocationally-based ESL instruction in computers and construction, and citizenship classes.

Beacon Center child watch services offer adults with younger children an opportunity to attend classes. Currently coordinated by Lisa Wichser (VVMs) and Marlene Tran (BESS), the program is planned to continue in the fall as S.F. City College assumes administrative leadership.

In conjunction with ESL programming, the Beacon is currently holding a Summer Immersion Day Camp with activities, field trips and language instruction daily from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Recreational and sports activities make up the bulk of afternoon programming Monday through Thursday afternoons from 3 to 7 p.m. when the Department of Recreation and Parks offers open basketball at the VVMs gymnasium. Rec and Park also intends to expand programming to include Friday volleyball and morning basketball clinics.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 6 p.m., the YMCA offers recreational activities and field trips. The Girls After School Academy (GASA) began offering sports clinics for girls in July that will continue in August.

The Beacon Center has also worked with Bart Ribotta at Coffman Pool to hold open swim times and lessons for community members. A pool party is planned for early August.

Visitacion Valley After School Program, an Enterprise Community funded project, will also locate some

of its sports and recreational programming, including arts, sports and leadership activities, at the Beacon Center.

Salvador Velasco, working for both Beacon and the Trust for Public Land, has developed agricultural activities and a gardening club. Residents of all ages are welcome to participate on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. where soil preparation, planting and harvesting are some of the planned activities. The gardening club also seeks members who will share their knowledge and expertise in agricultural traditions, family food crops and favorite ornaments. Velasco is currently planning a recycling program and a community garden project.

VVMs was awarded a \$400,000 Healthy Start program last spring. As a result, the Beacon Center will be able to offer a wide array of health, mental health and support services for youth and families. Coordinating with such providers as Health Center #3 and its satellite clinic at the Village, South East Child and Family Therapy and the Red Cross, the Beacon Center will provide screenings, counseling referrals, with access to and information about family services. In addition, VVMs will offer a therapeutic classroom for students not fully benefiting from the regular school program.

Betty Houston, the community development coordinator, has recently designed a program to provide outreach to Visitacion Valley youth currently detained at the Youth Guidance Center (YGC). Beacon staff will provide outreach weekly and develop plans with parole officers and YGC staff to offer discussion groups and diversion activities for troubled youth.

Finally, the Beacon Center was recently awarded a \$230,000 grant from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families (MOCYF) through Proposition J funding. The Beacon will use this money to further increase programming at the site, as well as linking with community-based organizations serving Visitacion Valley youth to collocate some of their services at the Beacon.

An eventful year is anticipated by Beacon staff, who invite neighbors to stop by the Center at 450 Raymond Ave. or call 452-4907 for more information on the various fun and educational activities available, including a big back to school party in August. Registration forms and membership cards are now available.

Waste Plant Neighbors' Complaints Continue to be Addressed by Norcal

Hoping to appease complaints generated by neighbors of the solid waste transfer and recycling facility operated on Tunnel Ave., Norcal has spent the last several months addressing each of the reported problems. Items such as odor, noise, dust, erosion and hungry birds have been constant annoyances residents of Little Hollywood and Visitacion Valley have been talking about for years since the complex opened.

Residents' frustration with the waste plant reached a feverish pitch last year during a public comment period on a Draft Environmental Impact Report for its planned expansion, and boiled over at the conclusion of the first meeting of the Southeast Communities / Norcal / City Agencies Forum on January 18 with Independent facilitator William Thompson mediating the exchanges. Since then, Norcal has been endeavoring to become a better neighbor.

In a progress report compiled and published in the June 25 issue of the Forum, a bi-monthly newsletter Thompson, Inc. now direct-mailed to residents of both Little Hollywood and

Visitacion Valley, Norcal has reportedly corrected many of its neighbors' complaints, and is now taking steps to fix the remainder of the noted infractions.

A recent meeting on July 18 provided updates on many of the courses of action being taken:

"To eliminate garbage odor, Transfer station doors are now closed from 1 p.m. to 5 a.m. and on weekends. Transfer trailers are no longer pre-loaded, and a new deodorizing system activated by a wind sock when blowing in the direction of residences has been installed. A new tractor entrance door has also been engineered, but will require time consuming structural changes to the building due to its weight."

"Noise has been reduced with the closing of north openings of the Total Urban Recycling Facility (TURF) building scheduled to soon be completed. TURF glass operations should also be less heard with the closing of the south TURF walls. A study is also now in progress to insulate the Transfer Station's north and west walls to muffle noise."

"Large, hungry seagulls having long

Guest Speakers at St. James



For four consecutive Sundays, St. James Presbyterian Church functioned with guest speakers delivering sanctuaries and messages. On June 30, a deacon with the Westlake Community Baptist Church, delivered his message of God's gifts on various talents which he based on passages from the Book of Corinthians.

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Action Plan from S.F. Economic Summit

By Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.

It's easy to become complacent in this most beautiful of American cities. San Francisco's stunning physical attributes, its cultural diversity and tolerance, its educated and entrepreneurial workforce, its strong commitment to social justice all mean we sometimes believe the world is our oyster.

But at the two-day Economic Summit I convened in April, San Francisco took a good hard look at its economic future. We found great opportunities and great challenges. We also found we have much work to do.

The summit brought together groups and factions who in the past have found little to say to one another. Business leaders from major corporations, small neighborhood businesses, national and local labor leaders, presidential cabinet members, academics, economists, activists and informed citizens all came to the table. They found common ground for future dialogue.

The event began with a tone of optimism. The AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust announced it would invest \$100 million in three housing and commercial developments in San Francisco. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros announced a \$4.5 million grant for a nine-story affordable housing apartment building next to Glide Memorial Church in the Tenderloin.

And our speakers kept coming back to three key elements, which are necessary to foster a strong economy: 1) a high quality of life for residents and visitors, 2) a synergy between large and small businesses, and 3) an economic strategy that plays to our strengths.

Together, we can accomplish these things. But talk without action is counterproductive. Now is the time to gather the ideas, advice, challenges and opportunities that emerged from the Economic Summit and put them to practical use.

To that end, I am introducing a five-point action plan, which I believe we must implement immediately in order to build a vibrant, inclusive economy for all San Franciscans.

1. **Streamline Regulatory Processes:** In order to improve efficiency and build a strong relationship between the public and private sectors, I plan to create a new Office of Economic Development that will coordinate and consolidate all economic development functions into a single, central effort. I will appoint an "economic czar" to head this new office, a person with extensive experience and respect in the business community. One of the di-

rector's main jobs will be to develop a business retention plan and a more "customer-friendly" planning and building inspection process.

2. **Promote Small Business:** I have recently sworn in a new Small Business Advisory Commission that reflects the diversity of small businesses in San Francisco and will soon appoint a liaison from the Mayor's Office to assist the commission in achieving three main goals: 1) creating of a Small Business Service Center, 2) creating a small business capital fund and 3) reforming City purchasing procedures, so that local firms will have an advantage in bidding for City contracts.

3. **Stimulate Construction of Affordable Housing:** I want to attract investment funds to San Francisco for the development of affordable and market-rate housing, which is a major building block to a healthy economy. To that end, I have placed on the November ballot a bond measure that will provide \$100 million for affordable housing. If passed by the voters, the AFL-CIO National Housing Trust and some major banks have indicated a willingness to match all low-interest loans coming from that bond. A portion of these funds will also be used to help San Francisco firefighters, police officers and teachers purchase their homes in the City.

4. **Stimulate Growth Among Current Businesses and Encourage New Enterprises:** We will tap into the wealth of brain-power of our citizens and retain existing jobs while creating new ones by identifying growth industries - such as multimedia, bioscience, movie-making and advanced technology - and identifying new business development sites - such as Treasure Island, the Presidio and Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. We will also take a look at creating special enterprise zones and study demonstration projects in other communities.

5. **Coordinate Job Training/Placement:** To consolidate job-placement and training programs, I propose the creation of a single clearinghouse for the wide array of services available. I will direct the Department of Human Services and Public Health; the Redevelopment Agency; the Mayor's Offices of Community Development and Children, Youth and Their Families; and the Private Industry Council to consolidate all their separately funded and administered job training/placement programs into a single, one-stop facility. I will also create a city employee retraining program that will allow our city workers to more easily move into new assignments when current ones become obsolete.

Collaborative Wants Plan for Open Space

Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Collaborative, with assistance from the Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit land conservation organization, is sponsoring a community process to develop a comprehensive recreation and open space plan for Visitacion Valley with priority action items being the consensus of the entire community.

With clear priorities, the community can present a united front when approaching the City to invest more than \$350,000 already set aside for park improvements in the Valley, and lobby for more from the City and private funding sources.

Visitacion Valley has important park assets: community gardens, playgrounds, recreation centers, and in McLaren Park, one of the largest green spaces in the City. But not all of Visitacion Valley's recreation and open space assets are well used by the community; some are in poor condition or unsafe, and some may not meet the recreational needs of Visitacion Valley residents.

Parks, playgrounds, community gardens and other public spaces cannot by themselves solve urban problems, but they are crucial to the health and safety of our neighborhoods. When park facilities are well maintained, safe and well programmed for the needs of the community, children have a place to play and families have a place where they can meet their neighbors and become a part of the community.

The time has come to address the problems of Visitacion Valley parks and send a clear message to the City about park priorities in the neighborhood.

On August 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the first of two community workshops will be held on a recreation and open space plan for Visitacion Valley. This workshop is open to anyone interested in making public spaces in Visitacion Valley safer, better maintained and more useful. Please attend, meet your neighbors, enjoy coffee and a pastry, and let your voice be heard. Bring your thoughts of how you would like recreation and open space facilities in the Valley be made better and more enjoyable for everyone.

Further information and meeting locations are available from the Beacon Center by calling Salvador Velasco at 452-4907.

Youth Summer Games

Youth ages 5 to 12 are invited to come run, hop, skip, jump, kick and throw at the **Golden Gate Park Summer Games**, Thursday, August 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Call 750-5442 for more information.

City College Again Offering Telecourses

S.F. City College will be offering 15 of its Telecourses for the Fall 1996 semester. Telecourses are viewed at home on Cable Channel 52 and are broadcast at least twice. They include:

- *Asia 1: An introduction to Modern Asia
- *Astronomy: Universe the Infinite Frontier
- *Biology: Ecology and the Human Environment
- *Chemistry for Nonscientists
- *Film: The American Cinema
- *Introduction to Financial Planning
- *Joseph Campbell: Transformation of Myth through Time
- *French 1A: Elementary French
- *Living with Health

*The Americans: A History of Latin America

*The Africans: African History
*General Psychology
*Conceptual Physics.

All Telecourses count for credit towards an AA degree with many units transferable to a four year University. Telecourse students come to City College just three times during the semester for an orientation, mid-term and final.

Cost for a Telecourse is \$13 a unit, with registration now taking place at City College. Students not subscribing to cable can rent lessons for the semester from the college's Media Center.

For more information and a brochure, call 239-3886.

More Money for SSI Advocacy Project

An additional \$300,000 has been added by the S.F. Board of Supervisors to the City's 1996-97 fiscal budget at the request of Supervisor Leslie Katz to fund the SSI Advocacy Project.

An original federal grant for the project was not renewed for the new fiscal year, leaving a financial gap. Without the funding, the SSI Advocacy Project, which assists disabled individuals in obtaining SSI or SSDI benefits while recouping General Assistance expenditures for the City, would have been forced to shut down.

"I am delighted to have worked with the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services in leading the effort to ensure that this critical program will continue operating," said Katz. "The SSI project is an effective safety net in preventing homelessness for our most vulnerable residents."

The SSI Project targets individuals living with disabilities and screens them to determine if they are eligible

for federal benefits, and assists them in completing applications. Since its inception in July 1994, the Project has been instrumental in getting more than 475 clients awarded SSI or SSDI.

"This is a unique program that actually generates revenue while providing essential services to disabled individuals," said Katz. "As a result of the Project's work, disabled residents have been able to obtain benefits they might not otherwise have had the ability to apply for, and the City has recouped well over one million dollars in General Assistance expenditures."

Katz noted that continued funding of the Project is particularly necessary given federal legislation designed to deny SSI and SSDI benefits to individuals with a history of alcohol or drug abuse. This legislation requires more than 3,000 San Franciscans to re-apply or risk losing their benefits.

The SSI Project is currently spearheading a city-wide effort to assist these individuals in processing the necessary re-applications.

New Edition of Child Advocate Guide

Coleman Advocates for Children and youth has republished its popular guide to volunteer opportunities serving children and youth in San Francisco. **First Steps to Becoming a Child Advocate: Helpful Hints to Make a Difference** includes a 15-page section on how to effectively get involved in the political process in San Francisco on behalf of children.

Telephone numbers and addresses are given for contacting public policy makers as well as the media, and advice is offered for providing the most effective message possible. In letters to the editor, public hearings and candidate forums. Also, important information is offered on how to use the upcoming elections as an opportunity

for raising children and youth issues and promoting responsible leadership.

At the heart of the guide is a listing of 75 non-profit organizations offering a variety of volunteer options working with children and youth, providing technical or office support for organizations whose missions involve kids' well-being. Each listing offers a description of the agency's services and comments.

VISITACION VALLEY TASK FORCE IS CURRENTLY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES SHOULD ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING ON AUGUST 24, 10:30 A.M. AT 50 RAYMOND AVENUE.

Immigrant Station on Angel Island Remembered in Main Library Exhibit

From 1910 to 1940, thousands of Asian immigrants passed through Angel Island to enter the United States, known in Chinese as "Gold Mountain." At the S.F. Main Library, a unique exhibit titled **Gateway to Gold Mountain** now chronicles their experiences at the Angel Island Immigration Station.

This presentation is produced in cooperation with the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation (ISF), a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds to preserve and renovate the immigration station as an historical site and museum, and to conduct educational activities pertaining to the history of Asian American immigration.

Photomurals and text document the arduous physical and verbal examinations that either spelled a new life in America or deportation at a time when the Chinese Exclusion Act (1882-1943)

was enforced.

Newcomers arrived by ship, were ferried to the Island and then processed by officials. Despair and isolation led some immigrants to write or carve their feelings into the barrack walls. Many of these are translated and appear in the exhibit.

Gateway to Gold Mountain is on display on the sixth floor in the Skylight Gallery through November 30 to complement a two-part exhibition, **San Francisco: the Dimensions of Diversity** on the lower level. Through themes of Work, Play, Culture and the Arts, Spirituality, Gastronomy and the City Tested, it explores San Francisco history from its Native American and Spanish roots, through boom town, to one of the most successful cosmopolitan cities in the country.

"The first decade saw vigilantism, political assassination and crimes of violence directed against people of color," said curator Glenna Matthews, a historian and author. "But they also saw the beginnings of a rich and vibrant civic life. They brawled, but they also voted and organized."

Drawing on the library's collection of books, photographs and other objects, the exhibition includes highlights such as a facsimile of the first cookbook written by an African American, published by the Women's Cooperative Printing Office in 1881, and a photograph of civil rights pioneers Joseph and Mary Tape, a Chinese couple who sued to desegregate San Francisco schools that same year.

Related programs of the exhibition will feature displays of the City's literary tradition and books for younger readers, as well as films, lectures and performances. On September 27 and 28, the library will host a symposium on San Francisco history, supported by the California Council for the Humanities. Including a panel: **Breaking Bread Together: Cuisine Creates Common Ground for Diverse Cultures**, featuring a group of Bay Area chefs, food historians and authors.

Free Legal Assistance

Do you have a problem that may require an attorney? Visit the free **Legal Advice and Referral Clinic**, Saturday, August 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the New Main Public Library's Latino / Hispanic Meeting Room in the lower level.

A private consultation with an attorney will determine if you have a legal problem. If further assistance is needed, referral will be made to an appropriate agency. For more information, call 764-1616.

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PECULIAR DOINGS



While waiting for football season to start.

"Seems people now need only change oil every 7,500 miles, rather than the 3,000 the *Eight Is Enough* guy once touted. Oil's well.

"While we're on motoring, how 'bout that little ol' lady in Pasadena who hailed a cab and got out in Victoria, British Columbia one week, 1,800 miles and \$3,500 dollars later. She called it cab-in fever.

"So now camele in Broome, Australia have been fitted with fall lights to maneuver in traffic. Or their riders could walk a mile.

"Police were able to capture two well-organized escaped convicts held in Rutland, Vermont by reading their discarded checklist of things to do that day. Listless crooks?

"And then there was that guy pulled over by cops at Stanford University for faulty brake lights who they found with 117 pairs of jeans shoplifted from a nearby department store, along with the altered shopping bag that prevented clothing security tags from activating the store's alarm. He's panting now.

Where It All Goes

By David Assmann
S.F. Recycling Program

Have you ever wondered what actually happens to all those cans, bottles, junk mail and newspapers after your recyclables get picked up? After all, we do collect a mountain of material each year. In 1995, we collected more than 45,000 tons of recyclables, three quarters of it was paper and the rest was cans and bottles.

Although we only separate our recyclables into two categories on the curb (paper and containers), they must be sorted further before they can be marketed. This is necessary because the recycling process is very different for each type of material collected.

Virtually all paper products accepted in the City's curbside program are separated into two categories. The first category is comprised of newspaper and newspaper inserts. Most of this paper is sold to paper brokers who, in turn, sell it to overseas markets (although new domestic markets may be opening up soon). This paper is usually shipped to Asia (often Korea, Indonesia, or Taiwan) where it is re-pulped and turned into products like cardboard show boxes or roofing felt paper. Some of this paper is also turned into tissue paper.

The second category of paper products is mixed paper, which includes junk mail, cardboard and paper bags. This paper is generally sold to paper mills and container manufacturers here in California, where it might get turned into a game board, a six-pack beverage holder, or some type of protective packaging.

Aluminum cans and clean foil are shipped by truck to Sacramento before being sent to Tennessee by train. There they are turned back into aluminum cans and other aluminum products. Most aluminum cans today contain 55 percent recycled aluminum.

What we call tin cans are actually steel cans with a thin coating of tin. Tin/steel cans collected by the San Francisco Recycling Program are baled and shipped to a mill near Stockton, CA. Once the cans are shredded and cleaned, the tin is separated from the steel either in Arizona or Washington. The tin is used to manufacture new cans, pewter solder and bronze. The steel is sold to paint manufacturers, chemical companies and steel mills (for remanufacture into steel products - including cans). Steel cans contain about 25 percent recycled steel.

"Speaking of customers, a grumpy old guy in Marietta, Georgia who used to be a foot doctor left \$70,000 to the five store clerks who actually put up with his sourpuss attitude. Be kind to your local grouch.

"From the insect world comes a report that parasites have diminished a large part of the bee population in Oregon. Not a stinging development.

"Meanwhile, up in Pelkosenniemi, that's northern Finland ye-sav-yes, a sudden lack of mosquitos eliminated the fifth world killing championship from a weekend agenda. So in scratching that activity, what was left? Pulling wings off of flies?

"And in London, two British scientists want to use genetically engineered mosquitos to vaccinate people against certain diseases. Flying blisters.

"Anyway ... just don't let them pesky insects near those baseball fans in Palm Springs itchin' to watch games in the nude.

"Scientists in New York have now found a way to date wood, helping to identify the age of ancient Mediterranean sites. Call in the wood doctor.

"Finally, there's the subscriber who tried to sue a news magazine for selling his name to a mailing list. He claimed junk mail caused him anxiety, but the judge unexcitedly threw the case out of court.

Most glass bottles and jars collected in San Francisco are made back into bottles and jars right here in the Bay Area. About 80 percent of them remain intact during the collection and sorting process. They are then separated on Norcal's sorting line into three groups by color: green, clear and brown. They are sold to glass manufacturers who grind the glass and size it down to be fired en masse, in a furnace. Most new bottles and jars contain 20-30 percent recycled glass.

The 20 percent of glass that gets broken must be sold as mixed color, "residual" pieces. Most of these residual pieces are used for new glass food and beverage containers. Some, however, are sold to fiberglass companies in California, where they are ground into a fine powder and used for fiberglass insulation.

By contrast, plastic recycling is in its infancy. Although there are six main types of plastic, only one type (PET, used mainly for certain types of plastic bottles and containers) has a national recycling rate over 10 percent, and the national recycling rate for all plastics is under four percent.

Recently, however, markets for some plastic bottles have improved, and the curbside and apartment recycling program is now collecting all #1 and #2 plastic bottles (except for pesticide and automotive product containers). Collected PET (polyethylene terephthalate or #1) is shipped to processing plants to be washed and granulated into "flakes" or pellets. In this form, the plastic can be made into a new product. Most PET is made into fiber and used for items like carpet, pillow stuffing or clothing. Collected HDPE (high-density polyethylene) is currently made into plastic film for products such as plastic agricultural bags and industrial film.

Finally, it's important to remember that putting your recyclables on the curb is only one step in the recycling process. Recycling is a loop, and the loop begins when you make purchases and ends when you put out discarded material for recycling. When you purchase products, check to see if they are recyclable and made from recycled material. Ultimately our curbside and drop-off collection programs, and recycling, will only be fully successful if we all buy recycled products. One of the most important things consumers can do for recycling is to look for the "made from recycled material" label.

GGNRA Events

Call for reservations
FORT FUNSTON

*Plant Happy: Tour of Fort Funston Nursery, 10 a.m. Aug. 10, 18 (556-8642).

FORT POINT

*Pier Crabbing: 2 p.m. Aug. 3, 17, 31 - bait fee 50 cents (556-1893).

*The Stuff Forts are Made of: Explore Fort Point, 10 a.m. Aug. 10, 18 (556-1893).

OCEAN BEACH

*Adopt-a-Beach Clean-up Day: Bring friends and family to help clean Ocean Beach, 10:30 a.m. Aug. 18 (556-8642).

*Plight of the Plover: Learn about this shorebird and how to protect it, 10 a.m. Aug. 31 (556-8642).

PRESIDIO

*Architecture and Cultural Landscape Walk: 1 p.m. Aug. 11 (561-4323).

*From Post to Park: One mile historical walk, 2 p.m. Aug. 31 (561-4323).

*Great Scott! Two mile walk around Fort Winfield Scott, 10 a.m. Aug. 10 (561-4323).

*The Last Gun: Demonstration of the last operational gun of its kind, 10 a.m. Aug. 3, 4 (561-4323).

*Living Legends: Storytelling for Children: Area's mysteries, 2 p.m. Aug. 17 (561-4323).

*Main Post Walk: Walking tour of Presidio, 10 a.m. Aug. 4, 17, 24, 31; 1 p.m. Aug. 5 (561-4323).

*Mountain Lake to Fort Point Hike: Retrace three miles of Anza's 1776 route, 10 a.m. Aug. 10 (561-4323).

*National Cemetery Walk: 10:30 a.m. Aug. 3; 2 p.m. Aug. 5, 24, 27 (561-4323).

*Native American Handiwork: Learn about the area's past Native Americans, 2 p.m. Aug. 11, 28 (561-4323).

*Pedaling the Presidio: Bike ride through the Presidio, 10 a.m. Aug. 24, 25 (561-4323).

*From Rubble to Renaissance: Walk to Palace of Fine Arts, 1 p.m. Aug. 18 (561-4323).

*Shores and Shipwrecks: One mile beach walk, 10 a.m. Aug. 20 (561-4323).

*A Walk on the Wild Side: Learn about plants, animals and geology, 1 p.m. Aug. 3 (561-4323).

*Women of the Presidio: Learn their stories during one mile hike, 2 p.m. Aug. 15, 26 (561-4323).

SUTRO HEIGHTS

*Sutro Heights Stroll: 11 a.m. Aug. 17 (556-8642).

SUTRO DISTRICT

*Touning the Past: Learn about the Cliff House, Sutro Baths and Sutro Heights Park, 11 a.m. Aug. 24 (556-8642).

Last of New School Buses Being Delivered

Surrounded by California Highway Patrol officers, Assembly Democrat Leader Richard Katz (D-Sylmar) recently announced the final part of a three-phase program was underway which replaces dangerous pre-1977 school buses with safer, alternative energy buses. When Phase 3 is completed, a total of 781 new buses will have been sent to schools throughout California.

"I'm thrilled we are in the final phase of this project," said Katz. "Now, parents won't have to worry about their children riding in dangerous buses because these have the latest in safety equipment. At the same time, the buses also will help ease air pollution since they are cleaner fuel, high-efficiency buses."

In 1988, while he was chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Katz authored AB35 which provided \$100 million to replace unsafe and outdated school buses made before 1977.

The delivery of the buses was divided into three phases: Phase 1 began in 1989 and saw 163 buses go to 14 school districts; Phase 2 started in 1991 and sent 400 buses to 47 districts; and Phase 3, which will last several months, began sending the first of 218 buses to districts in July.

Upon completion of Phase 3, about half of all California's school buses will have been replaced. Once the older buses are taken out of commission, they will no longer be allowed to transport children.

"We got the worst of the school buses off the street and that's critical to the safety of thousands of kids," said Katz.

Among school districts receiving Phase 3 buses are ABC Unified (Cerritos), Berkeley, Alhambra, Antelope Valley, Fremont, Central Unified (Fresno), Huntington Beach, Lincoln Valley Union (Santa Rosa), Sacramento City, San Mateo Union High, Simi Valley and Ventura.

All of the buses will run on natural gas and include the latest in safety features such as fully padded flame retardant seats, natural gas leak detectors, automatic fire suppression systems, automatic parking brakes, anti-lock breaking systems, four emergency exits and a transit style design to enhance driver visibility.

VISITACION VALLEY GRAPEVINE - AUGUST 1996 - 3 Sports and Games of the World Pictured And Described at Youth Art Museum

"Kanamanchi is one of the dearest games in Bangladesh," writes nine year-old Tasmia Hasim. "Seven or eight people are needed to play. One of them is the thief whose eyes are blinded with cloth. She has to search and catch any one who is running to and fro around her."

Tasmia is one of 52 artists from 23 different countries who are represented in *Sports and Games of the World* on display through September 20 at San Francisco's International Children's Art Museum.

United by their desire to have fun, children around the world depict the many games and sports played and loved in their countries. In this exhibit, audiences can see boys in Thailand playing Men Kan Kluey, a cricket match in India, or a pair of fencers from Russia.

"One of the best things about the exhibit is that we can learn about new

games from many different cultures," said Julie Wolte, director of school programs at the museum. "Some games sound and look exotic, such as Palosebo from the Philippines, but we also see that children engaged in many of the same activities around the world. Hopscotch, flying kites, tag - these games are seen in artwork from every country. It may be called something else, but it is basically the same game."

Not only will audiences learn about the beloved sports and games of the world's children, but they will also see some beautiful art. Media of the artwork on display ranges from pastels, to pen and ink, to wood cuts, while styles vary from the more innocent and youthful to the extremely sophisticated.

The International Children's Art Museum is located in the World Trade Center (Ferry Building), Suite 103. Call 772-9976 for further information.

Health Network Teams with Giants for Kids

This summer, when 1,000 San Francisco Giants fans get a sports physical or a back-to-school check up through the Community Health Network of San Francisco, they'll also get the opportunity to see their favorite Giants players in person. As part of San Francisco's Health Team, the Giants are giving away free pairs of baseball tickets to families who get their children examined at one of 11 participating neighborhood health centers.

On Sunday, August 25, the Giants will be sponsoring *Home Run for Health Day* at 3 Com (Candlestick) Park, an event designed to underscore the importance of maintaining good health.

Currently, only a small percentage of children in San Francisco maintain proper immunization schedules and receive the regular medical attention they need. The Giants and Community Health Network of San Francisco, a collaboration between the Department of Public Health, S.F. General Hospital and UCSF, hope to increase that number through this joint promotional effort.

"The Giants want to help the children and families in the community," said Giants Executive Vice President Larry Baer. "We're all on the same

FAMILY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Following is a schedule of August events for the *Family Community Partnership Program* of the American Red Cross, 1704 Sunnydale Ave. Phone: 584-3620, Fax: 584-8914

*Aerobics: 1:30 p.m. August 7, 14, 21, 28

*Children's Bookmobile: 1:30 p.m. August 15

*Children's Videos: 1:30 p.m. August 7, 14, 21, 28

*Computer: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. August 8, 15, 22, 29

*Family Advisory Counseling: 10:30 a.m. August 9, 30

*Intake: 9 a.m.-12 noon August 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30

*Job Search: 9:30 a.m. August 8, 22, 29

*On the Road to Success Workshop: 9 a.m. August 6, 13, 20, 27

*Parent Focus Group: 10 a.m. August 29

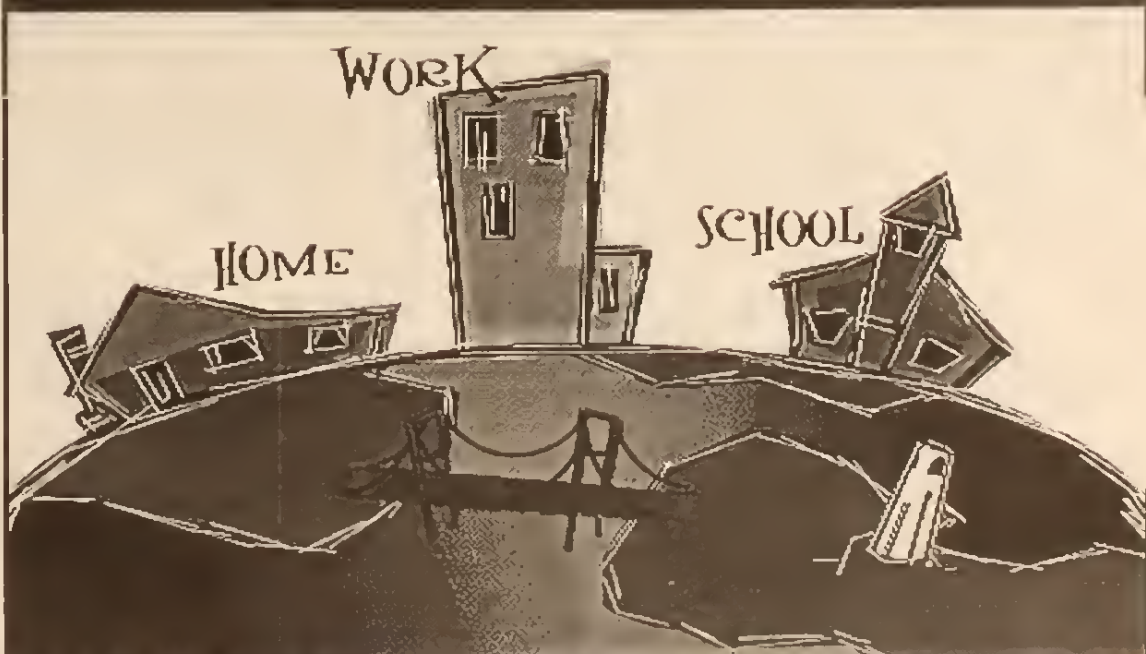
*Red Cross Stork's Nest: 10 a.m. August 27

*Resume Writing: 9:30 a.m. August 6, 13, 20, 27

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WEDDING OF THE WATERS

By Craig Carrozzi

Craig continues his boat ride on the Amazon River to Manaus.

RIVER LIFE (Part 1)

I stirred groggily to my second day on the river. It had been another exhausting night of fitful slumber due to that rasping water pump. I stood up and stretched. A numb exhaustion pervaded my body. Feeling like a zombie, I went aft to receive the *café da manhã*.

I sipped my scalding coffee and gazed at the river. It was shrouded by a light mist that dulled its reflective surface, making me think of a steamy bathroom mirror. My brain must be full of that mist, I thought. I can't clear away the cobwebs. But that figures ... When's the last time I had a good night's sleep? ... Four days ago? Yeah, four days ago in Bogota.

I munched my crackers and washed them down with the coffee. One by one the other passengers came over and joined me. After greeting them, I kept silent. Their light conversation irritated my raw nerves. Morosely, I watched the red sun burn off the translucent veil over the water. As soon as I finished my second cup of coffee, I slipped away without a word and headed for the cargo flat. I sat at the front of the lumber stack and covered my eyes with my hands. A dull throbbing pounded at the base of my skull. This feels like the day after the tequila party a few years ago, I thought, remembering that day with horror. What can I do to relieve this?

I lay down on a wide board and tried to doze, but the contact of the wood against the back of my head intensified the throbbing that had spread to my neck and shoulders. I sat up and closed my eyes. I kneaded my neck and shoulder muscles with the tip of my fingers. I listened to the soothing sound of the water breaking against the metal flat. Slowly, the dull throbbing subsided and my muscles and nerves relaxed. I was just starting to enjoy my solitude when Fernando arrived and sat down beside me. He wore his usual wide smile and was in a mood to talk. I discouraged him with short impatient replies. I hung my head and stared at my feet.

Quickly I slipped into a comatose state. Hunched over, my mind blank, I watched the small waves wash over the front of the flat. Now and then, a small trunk or other bit of debris thumped against the heavy metal. The sun climbed higher and warmed my bones. A short time later the heat became uncomfortable. I took off my shirt and stretched my arms.

"Starting to come back to life?" asked Fernando.

"Yes, a little," I said, yawning. "How long was I sitting here like a zombie?"

Fernando shrugged. "Who knows? An hour - a little more. Time is losing its meaning for me on this trip."

My eye was caught by a movement below us at the right corner of the lumber stack. Fernando turned and followed my eyes. We watched him for a few seconds, amused by his shyness. Suddenly the Brazilian man's

face looked flustered; he realized we had spotted him. He came around the corner and took a few hesitant steps along the flat.

"Good morning," said Fernando in Portuguese.

"Good morning," he replied gravely.

"What is your name?" I asked him.

He smiled. "My name is Eloi. And you two?"

"He is Fernando," I said tapping Fernando's shoulder. "My name is Craig."

The three of us took it from there, the conversation wheeling along. Communicating with Eloi was like trying to crack a top secret code. He could say anything, even a simple phrase, and would have to repeat himself several times before we understood even the gist of it. Fortunately, he seemed to understand us somewhat better than we understood him.

We plodded on. Eloi's initial reticence passed and he spoke steadily. We encouraged him, using liberal doses of Spanish. Slowly, torturously, we pieced the bits of phrases, the phrases and the sentences together. We began to learn a few things about him.

Eloi was on his way to Manaus ... To reunite with his wife and two infant children ... He had been away from them for six months ... He had left them to look for work ... He had found work ... As a cargo loader ... In various ports along the *Solimões* (Amazon) ... He had saved some money and sent the rest of it home ... In Manaus he usually worked as a taxi driver ... He was anxious to get back home to his family ... He didn't like traveling much ... He was 21 years old ...

Eloi noticed my mounting frustration. "What's the matter?" he asked me.

"I can't understand you well ... It's frustrating."

"Don't worry if you can't understand me well ... I speak a strange Portuguese."

"Strange?"

"It is not good Portuguese. It isn't correct ... In the Amazonas we call it *Portulhon*."

As we continued talking, I asked him to pronounce certain words I already knew. His pronunciation sounded slurred and garbled compared to the radio announcers I was used to hearing. Well, I thought, it's like learning English at Oxford and then going to Louisiana and talking to the Cajuns.

"I'm going to the boat to get something," I told them. "I'll be right back."

I stayed inside for awhile, rearranging the clothes in my travel bag, thumbing through the worn pages of my handbook, anything to kill some time.

I returned to my companions on the lumber. I opened up the Portuguese

book and showed it to Eloi. He glanced at it without interest. I picked a page at random.

"Look," I said to Eloi, pointing to a word on page 32. "How do you say this in Amazonas?"

Eloi gazed at the word indicated by my finger, a glum expression on his face. "You don't want to learn Portuguese the way I speak," he said.

Eloi looked vacantly at the printed words. Finally, he mumbled under his breath.

"What's the matter?" I asked him.

"It's that I ... I don't have much education. I attended school a very short time."

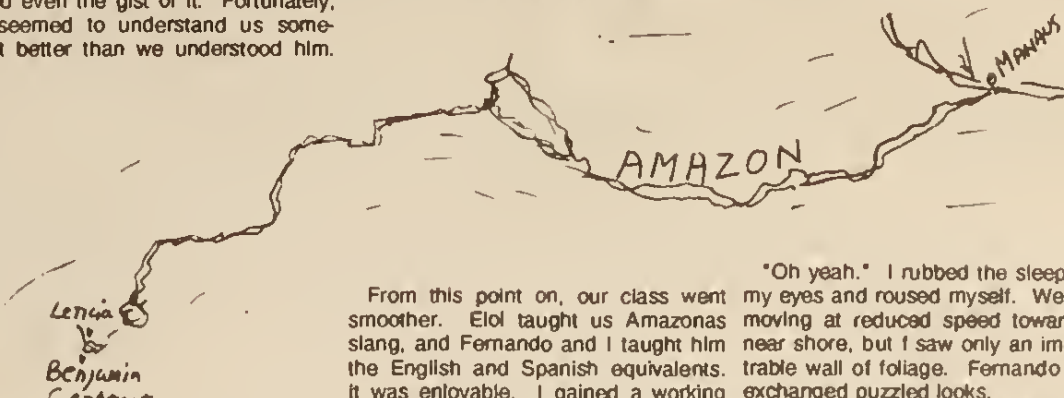
"Ah," I said. I tossed the book aside. "We don't need this."

"That's right," said Fernando.

"There are many words we need to learn that one doesn't find in a book."

Fernando and I left the table and took up our posts as scouts on the front of the lumber stack. Eloi stayed on the tug to take a nap. For an hour or so we talked, Fernando correcting some of the flaws in my Spanish. Later, we got up and did a few exercises to keep the juices flowing. Then, as the afternoon deepened, we lapsed for the most part into silence, watching the flat cut a swath through the muddy brown watercourse. Several times, from ennui and the hypnotic effect of the rushing water, my head dropped into my lap and I dozed. After the last of these catnaps, Fernando nudged me with his elbow and pointed to the shore on our right.

"We changed course while you were sleeping," he said. "It seems that we are going to shore for a stop."



From this point on, our class went smoother. Eloi taught us Amazonas slang, and Fernando and I taught him the English and Spanish equivalents. It was enjoyable. I gained a working knowledge of common and useful words. Then, as the session continued, my concentration wavered. Despite a fragrant breeze to cool us, the equatorial sun was beating into my head and scorching my skin. I fell silent. Then my head dropped onto my lap and stayed there.

I returned to the tug, rubbing my eyes and yawning as I went. I entered the hold and found Jaap and Betti reclined in their hammocks reading books. I stuffed my ears with wadded scraps of cloth and climbed into a hammock made of thick woven string. Like a net, it was comfortable. My stiff back melded into the pliant cording and I stretched my arms over my head and twisted my torso to loosen up my spine.

"Ah, that's better," I murmured. The water pump was quiet. The engine noise was a comforting hum, like the drone of a bumblebee on a lazy spring day. I swayed to and fro, relaxed, watching the river slip past. Much better, I thought, closing my eyes. This is more like what a tropical vacation should be. Now if only I had a cool drink ... on a wide sandy beach ... with coconut palms and fresh seafood...

For lunch, we dined on small bowls of tired bean soup, *leite em po* and a whopping portion of watery rice. The meal was insipid and we ate with little enthusiasm. Throughout the meal, Jaap muttered in Dutch. After the cook cleared away the dishes, we remained at the table, listless and disgruntled.

"Are we going to stop in any town today?" Jaap asked Fernando.

"I'm not sure. Let's see." Fernando pulled out his map and spread it on the table. He traced his finger along the river; it came to rest on a dot called *Fonte Boa* (Good Source). "Fonte Boa," he drawled. "That's the next town on the map. But I calculate that we won't reach it until tomorrow - or tomorrow night."

"Oh yeah." I rubbed the sleep from my eyes and roused myself. We were moving at reduced speed toward the near shore, but I saw only an impenetrable wall of foliage. Fernando and I exchanged puzzled looks.

The tug edged us closer to the shore and a tiny clearing - a mecate hacked wedge in the vegetation - became visible. Beyond it was a thickly jungled slope. We grounded to a halt, the flat almost parallel to the shore. I spotted a precipitous footpath at the base of the slope leading into the forest.

We hurried to the tug. The crew was in another flurry of activity. Jaap was already ashore, unslinging his camera. We were about to follow Jaap when Eloi, unperturbed by the bustle, sauntered out to meet us.

"What's happening?" Fernando blurted.

Eloi, speaking slowly and repeating various phrases, informed us that there was a settlement on the hill above us, and the captain wanted to see if he could purchase fresh fruit.

"Are we going to be here for a while?" I asked Eloi.

He grunted. "I believe so; and I don't like it. Traveling like this, we'll never get to Manaus in five days."

"We're going ashore, said Fernando. "Will you accompany us?"

Eloi shrugged.

Without another word or a backward glance at Eloi, we rushed ashore. Jaap had already disappeared into the bush and we went after him. Slicing and scrambling on the steep path, the trees and brush closing around us, our feet making sucking noises in the soggiest places, we managed to overtake Jaap just as we topped the rise. Together, we pushed through a thin layer of underbrush and came upon a large clearing. We halted, panting and sweaty, to catch our bearings. Spread before us was a carpet of scraggly green and yellow growth, gashed by irregular footpaths of gray dirt and pockmarked by the blackened remains of campfires. A few feet beyond the from clearing, against a backdrop of tall trees and bush, were an assortment of thatched wooden huts; each one raised upon stout flood stilts and

connected by rude bridges. The huts could be entered only by climbing makeshift wooden ladders.

"I don't believe we'll find a Hilton Hotel here," I said to Fernando.

Suddenly, I felt an eerie sensation. I swept the clearing with my eyes. I became aware of many other eyes peering at us from behind vegetation and through the unglazed windows of the huts. I focused in on the eyes and was gradually able to make out the bodies. To the left of us, to the right of us, maybe even behind us, staring at us, boldly, curiously, fearfully, were children. Everywhere! A tribe of Munchkins. Almost all barefoot and bareheaded - boys and girls of various size, age and color - the infants naked; most of the boys garbed in shorts and T-shirts, and most of the girls in light dresses. "Shall we go forward?" I asked. "I think we've been spotted."

We walked slowly into the clearing. "Where would the adults be?" asked Fernando.

"Working?" I replied.

Slowly, the children were coming out into the open.

"This is incredible," said Jaap, sighting his camera. He advanced a couple of paces ahead of us and raised the camera to his eye, ready to fire. The children's eyes widened. We must seem like creatures from another world to them, I thought. Really, I guess we are ...

A bare-chested little scamp called out to the other children and approached us boldly. We stopped walking and smiled at him. Jaap refocused his camera.

"Good day," Fernando said to the boy. A look of confusion crossed the boy's face and he scampered away.

"He must have thought we wanted to eat him," I said to Fernando.

"Yes, or take him as a slave. What a reaction."

We moved forward and drew abreast of Jaap. "Get any good pictures?" I asked him.

Jaap lowered his camera and turned to me, his face elated. With his free left hand he clapped me on the back and exclaimed, "Look! Look! Look at the Eendians! ... I would have never believed it."

For a moment, I regarded Jaap with furrowed brows. He's serious, I thought. Indians? Where? Maybe he's been taking stuff we don't know about ...

Jaap turned and set his cameras on the "Eendians." I looked at Fernando; his face was red and puffy from suppressed laughter. Looking at him made me snicker. That did it. We burst simultaneously into peals of laughter. Jaap wheeled and gave us a murderous stare. His cheeks and necked swelled with blood and his eyes popped.

"Vat is it?" he bellowed. "Why do you laugh? ... They are Eendians!"

We were shaken by fresh spasms of laughter. Fernando and I almost collapsed at this point. Jaap gave us a last furious look. Then he turned and scurried forward. He gestured frantically to the "leetle Eendians" to pose for a photo or two. The children sidled away from him. Jaap spoke in mangled Spanish and shook his camera at them. The nearest children moved farther away from him. At a safe distance, they stopped and faced Jaap, regarding him as though he were an escaped loony. My stomach cramped from mirth; tears rolled down Fernando's cheeks.

"Poor Jaap," said Fernando, managing to control his voice with great effort. "I don't want to shatter his illusion ... but I'm afraid he's mistaken some *mestizo* colonists for Indigenous Amazonian cannibals."

"Yeah, something like that ... But it's crazy! A couple of the sailors look more like genuine Indians than these people ... But I bet you that by the time Jaap gets back to Holland, he'll be convinced he was the first white man to ever see them."

"The first? What about you?"

"Well, me, him, and Columbus."

"Since Columbus."

While we joked, a man had emerged from one of the huts. He started in our direction, scrutinizing us, then stopped. As Jaap continued his antics with the children, the man scowled. I saw him finger the hilt of a gleaming mecate and lurch forward toward Jaap. The laughter died in my throat.

Continued Next Month

SFUSD Holding Final Meeting August 12 to Plan Fall Conference

Last in a series of S.F. Unified School District's community input meetings scheduled to help shape and plan a *Parent Empowerment Conference* this fall will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12 at the Ella Hutch Community Center, 1050 McAllister St. Further information is available by calling 241-6051.



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Grapevine Celebrates Its First Decade

Although overcast skies had marred many a San Francisco summer day in 1986, Tuesday, July 29 just happened to be bright and sunny as two flats holding the first four-page tabloid issue of the *Visitacion Valley Grapevine* were delivered to the now-defunct Garrett Press for a first edition press run of 5,000 copies.

With stories having been edited and set using a standard typewriter the day before, three pages had been readied for printing with the fourth — a full-page ad from local grocer and Valley Merchants' Association president Fawzi Kaddoura — due to be delivered to his market near press time. It never arrived.

With time running out and a large marking pen in hand, Kaddoura grabbed a piece of rolled-up butcher paper from his Valley Super meat department and proceeded to letter the advertisement by hand. Rushed to the printer, the unforgettable work was flattened out and mounted directly to the flat's back page, and by 12:30 p.m. copies of the new newspaper were rolling off the press, being bundled and readied for distribution.

WHAT'S NEWS

Logo from VVCC newsletter.

What would soon go on to become a Valley tradition for the next 121 months was actually preceded by a small, sporadically published newsletter issued from the Visitacion Valley Community Center (VVCC) titled *What's News*. It had been commenced by VVCC the previous year and was being edited by Pat Christensen, who was handling some of the Center's public relations at the time and would continue as *Grapevine* managing editor for its first 53 issues.

When ample funding was secured in May, 1986 from the San Francisco Foundation to expand into a monthly newsletter, two contests were held one after the other in naming the new monthly and designing its logo. A panel of judges eventually voted on the name *Grapevine*, suggested by VVCC Senior Director Pat Crocker — for which she was awarded a large submarine sandwich from Mama's and Papa's Deli on Leland Avenue — over a second place entry of *Echo*. Pat later explained that her winning submission was inspired by favorite classic song *I Heard It through the Grapevine* sung by Marvin Gaye. "I always wanted to say that I heard it through the *Grapevine*," she said.

Of several nameplates submitted to the newspaper in its logo contest, most prominent was one drawn by graphic artist Erica Brown — large block letters spelling the name *Grapevine*.

Businesses That Made Up the Valley

With the establishment of many new homes in the Valley after the turn of the century came an equally increasing need for better local commerce.

Shops providing various goods and services opened along Leland Avenue and several blocks of San Bruno Avenue, later to be incorporated into Bayshore Boulevard, creating a permanent centralized business area for the bustling neighborhood.

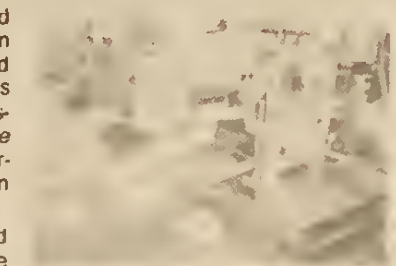
Having arrived in the Valley in 1904, Charles A. Louis commenced a combined realty and insurance business, opening Leland Avenue shops which also sold dry goods. Another realtor and insurance man, William R. Mark, also sold properties in the Valley.

Nearby was H.L. Diehl who operated his painting and paperhanging business on Alpha Street.

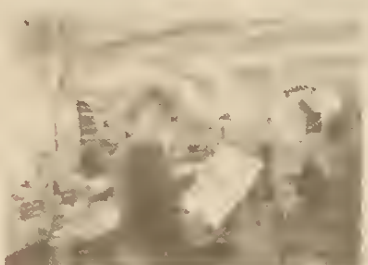
After their new houses were built, Valley residents could purchase home insurance from agent R.B. Hutchinson.

Advertising "crochery, paints, oils and glass" at his business was M. Anderson, whose hardware store was located at 34 Leland Ave.

Neighborhood residents had their choice of groceries, vegetables and fruits at the Bauman's Bay Shore Grocery on Leland Avenue, which also offered wood, coal, grain, gravel, rock,



On July 29, 1986, the presses rolled as the *Grapevine* went around and around up there ...



... and it came out here.

Grapevine partially obscured on the bottom by an outlined ridge of San Bruno Mountain.

Featured in the first *Grapevine* were stories and photos on then-Mayor Diane Feinstein's anti-graffiti and litter committee, the Valley's revitalized merchants' association and programs available to Valley youth. Also included were a VVCC column by Executive Director Julie Kavanagh, now serving as *Grapevine* publisher and *When the Valley Was Young*, a history column by production manager Len Appiano, who now edits, produces and distributes the *Grapevine*.

As the *Grapevine* experienced growing pains its first few months of operation, Anne Kaartunen joined the staff as advertising manager, quickly bringing in a substantial amount of revenue from local merchants. She also created a monthly *Grapevine* Puzzle and updated local readers on new merchants and pertinent Valley issues.

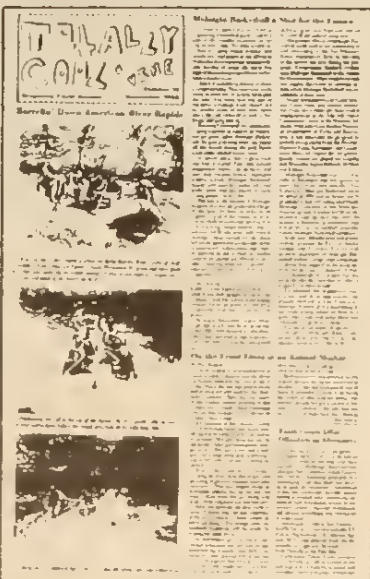
Also an important part of the picture was VVCC staffer Hyoka Bells, who contributed her expertise to *How Do Your Gardens Grow?*, a popular monthly gardening column. Pat Crocker made things interesting with *Valley Inquirer*, her monthly question column and later provided readers with a regular dose of insightful horoscopes. Other regular features included *Speaking of Health* by Jackie Wasserman of the former Maxicare facility on Leland Avenue and *Sports Scene* contributed by Frank Oddo, a local realtor.

Arkie Marigoldsdorf handled typing and Carla Villanueva distributed the *Grapevine* for nearly the first five

years, while Marie Vidal managed the office.

With its tenth issue in May, 1987, the *Grapevine* expanded to 12 pages with a full centerfold billing for an upcoming Visitacion Valley Street Fair and Parade. Grant renewals through 1990 provided revenue for increased press runs and expanded home delivery in Visitacion Valley, as well as parts of the Portola district.

Many writers contributed stories and ideas to the *Grapevine* during its first 10 years of existence, including Matthew Brady, a former City librarian who reported on various issues before switching exclusively to the historical pieces now his trademark. Steadily contributing to the *Grapevine* since 1967 has been Gerry Galvan, veteran newsman of both the Philippine and San Francisco press who continues to provide readers with timely news updates and photography on important Valley issues along with occasional pieces of thought-provoking opinion.



Grapevine's youth section.

Principal Vincent Chao from Visitacion Valley Elementary School has for several years regularly reported student activities at his schools, as has Dr. John Flores principal of Visitacion Valley Middle School for the past two years.

Other key staff included John Moses, who produced the *Grapevine* for two years, and Joe Savio, who vigorously brought in much needed revenue as the *Grapevine's* advertising manager in 1990.

As president of the Little Hollywood Association, Don Bortone kept his neighbors informed on vital local issues in a periodic column, *Little Hollywood Reports*.

With grant funding coming to an end following its December 1990 issue, the *Grapevine* streamlined its financial structure. Gone since February 1988, Len Appiano returned that month to assume the newspaper's production and distribution duties, later to report,

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Visitacion Valley Community Center Began with One Woman's Dedication

Recognizing an obvious need for a permanent gathering place where her fellow residents could assemble, Florence Friedman helped establish the Visitacion Valley Community Center which today remains an eminent institution in what has been affectionately known as the "valley of the good neighbor."

Visitacion Valley was little but a rural village when the 22-year-old Miss Friedman arrived in 1909 to teach all eight grades on a rotation basis at Visitacion Valley Elementary School.

"The Valley had nothing but hills, a one-way street and wooden planks for sidewalks," she later said of the area she had grown to love.

"It took an hour-and-a-half to get to the Center from downtown. We called the two dinkies the molasses special. You had plenty of time to get acquainted with your neighbors while you waited for them at the end of the line."

When the United States entered the First World War in 1917, the Army took over the nearby Southern Pacific Railroad yard, encamping troops to be readied for battle.

With a modest government allotment of 10 dollars a month, Miss Friedman volunteered her services as director of the War Camp Community Service Center, settling up facilities on March 14, 1918 in a small wooden building still standing at 101 Raymond Ave. at the corner of Alpha Street. Its fireplace had been constructed by Valley residents from used bricks, and the building was elaborately decorated with wild flowers.

Neighboring families gathered at the once-abandoned building throughout the war's duration to hold pot luck dinners and social engagements for the soldiers in a forerunner of what would eventually develop into the USO.

With the signing of the armistice in November, 1918 came a termination of government funds, but the San Francisco Aquatic Park Recreation League soon agreed to sponsor the center's continuance with contributions from individual donors.

Miss Friedman had looked to the San Bruno Community Center and VVCC's executive director, moving a Telegraph Hill Center as models for the new Valley center she was about to convince them was a necessity. Growing interest in the activities at the quaint but cramped storefront quarters at Alpha Street made expansion eminent and she soon acquired a spacious site on the north side of Raymond Avenue.

Architect Dorothy Wormser donated a set of plans to the community calling

for construction of a new complex on a site 75-by-100 feet. As described by Miss Friedman's published report announcing an eventual Sunday afternoon groundbreaking scheduled for April 23, 1922, "The plans call for a 50-foot frontage on Raymond Avenue which includes the club room, library, and club or meeting room. The domestic science room, clinic, office and main entrance and lobby face an interior court. The gymnasium and auditorium combined is 75-by-35 feet."

Miss Friedman's report also stressed that the new building's central section would be two stories high, containing modest living quarters for resident center workers.

More than 200 local workers labored tediously on Sundays and holidays to make the new center a reality. Generous local contractors and residents donated building materials and equipment.

Located at 66 Raymond Ave the Visitacion Valley Community Center was officially incorporated in 1922 with charter membership in the San Francisco Community Chest, later to become United Way in the Bay Area.

Stressed M.A. Nolan, then principal of the elementary school, "Eyes yet unborn will thank the elders for the community center. How we ever lived without it we do not really know."

With the assistance of Dr. Adelaide Brown, Miss Friedman organized the first municipal well-baby clinic provided by the Department of Public Health. New classes were also added at the center to instruct Valley residents in cooking, home economics, woodshop, millinery, sewing and physical education.

Increased development of the surrounding properties in the 1930s again encouraged the community center's expansion. In 1938, a set of blueprints was finalized for the construction of a two-story building at 50 Raymond Ave. to house a ballroom, classrooms and administrative offices when completed in 1941.

Miss Friedman retired in 1959 after 41 years of continual service as VVCC's executive director, moving a few blocks away to Peabody Street after decades of residence in the Center's upstairs quarters. "I just couldn't live any place else," she once told a newspaper reporter of her passion for Visitacion Valley.

Miss Friedman remained active in Valley affairs until a 1981 hip injury necessitated her moving to the Jewish Home on Silver Avenue where she lived to be 95.

A Short History of Visitacion Valley

From a speech by
Fernando Coturri

There are many historical versions of the Valley ... Visitacion Valley that is. Some historians write that the first white men rowed from the Spanish ship *San Carlos* to Seasbell Point (now Hunters Point) in 1775, where they met a few Indians from a village to the south, which would be Visitacion Valley and possibly Brisbane. These early inhabitants fished in the Bay and hunted in the hills. Artifacts later found prove this to be true.

However, it wasn't until 1776 that Juan Bautista de Anza, under orders of the viceroy of Spain to select a location for a settlement, accidentally turned inland from the ocean and traveled along the western shore of the Bay, and came upon the peninsula that was part of the Valley.

Little else of the area is known until 1777, when some soldiers and Fran-

ciscan friars traveling the King's Highway from San Diego to the Presidio in San Francisco became lost in heavy fog, and wandered into the hills east of the highway and spent the night. In the morning when the fog cleared, they gazed down upon a beautiful valley with the Bay at its feet. The friars called the locality Visitacion Valley, as the date was July 2nd, the Feast of the Blessed Mother. In thanksgiving, mass was offered — the altar was a large rock. Today the rock, called Indian Rock, is in a backyard on Delta Street near Visitacion Avenue.

The Valley became a pasture for the cattle of the Presidio and Mission Dolores.

The Mexican period opened the Valley — the Mission released the controlled territory to private enterprise, anyone could apply for land grants.

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There Were Once Other Newspapers in Visitacion Valley



Before the *Visitacion Valley Grapevine*, other local neighborhood newspapers served the area. *Visitacion Guide* was published in the 1950s, and the *Visitacion Valley Tribune* was issued weekly by the Budde chain which eventually merged into the San Francisco Progress. Just over the hill, the *Portola News* came out every week until the mid-1980s on San Bruno Avenue.



A Short History of Visitacion Valley

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In 1839, Jacob Lesse from Ohio applied for a grant. He obtained 9,500 acres that took in Visitacion Valley to Brisbane. He built several houses in the area. A few years later when the U.S. government was established in California, the land grant was confirmed and he divided the acreage into smaller parcels.

Henry Schwerin, a German baker, bought several hundred acres in what is now the Geneva area. He had a large herd of cows where the Cow Palace parking lot is located. Schwerin also started a horticultural nursery and sold flowers to the San Francisco Flower Mart. About this time, other settlers began to farm the area and thus began the large truck gardens and nurseries that flourished until World War II.

Another holder of a large tract was Francis L. Pioche, who is said to have started San Francisco's tradition of fine restaurants. He imported 50 Parisian chefs and a boatload of French wines.

John Rossi came to the area shortly after the Civil War. He acquired a number of acres and established a large vegetable farm. The Rossi family remained in the Valley. One son had a pharmacy on Leland Avenue until 1970, when his daughter took over. Another son's wife was the attendance officer for the Unified School District for years. A daughter became a well-known doctor, Dr. Jennings. The last of the Rossi family, Florence, died in 1983.

A toll road was established in 1860. It was known as the San Bruno Toll Road and today is the Bayshore Boulevard. The toll gate was located at the 7-Mile House, which is just south of Geneva Avenue. The main traffic consisted of milkers who worked on dairy farms in Visitacion Valley, Brisbane and South San Francisco.

In the late 1890s, the cattlemen were ordered to remove the fences that blocked roads, and soon streets opened the Valley to roadhouses, restaurants and saloons. One of the most famous, Pop Blanken's Six-Mile House, was a popular meeting place for politicians, business and professional people. It was a resort, hotel, restaurant, bar, stable and recreation center. Its true claim to fame, however, was a training headquarters for prize fighters - among these, Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, Gentleman Jim Corbett and Sam Langford. The building stood until 1938 when it was torn down in order to build a garage and gas station.

There were other industries such as the Southern Pacific Roundhouse and Station, a race track and as rumor has it, that Mammy Pleasant also had one of her houses in the Valley. Later, Schlage Lock built their main factory on the east side of Bayshore, next to the Southern Pacific main line.

The first school opened in 1896 as part of the Sunny Vale Public School District. It had been decided that the Valley would retain the Spanish Visitacion, but when the sign was delivered, the Board of Education had goofed - it was printed Visitacion Valley School.

Our member, Florence Friedman, was one of the early 1900s teachers. Florence remained a teacher until 1918, when she became the first director of the newly established Visitacion Valley Community Center. She was the director for 41 years until her retirement in 1959. Florence remained in the Valley until her death in 1984.

Another one of our members had her roots in Visitacion Valley - Viola Happy. Her father, Charles A. Louis, became a sales agent in 1905 for the Reis Tract. The finest building sites could be purchased for as little as \$125 - \$1 down and \$1 a week. He remained active until his death in 1961. The Louis family also had a dry goods store.

The first San Francisco motel was located in Visitacion Valley on the Burnett farm on Sunnydale Avenue. It was called the San Francisco Auto Camp. It remained until 1964, when it was torn down to construct the new Our Lady of the Visitacion Church. The Burnett home was torn down in 1964 to build the parish school and in the process, 200 trees were destroyed - one planted by President McKinley, another by Admiral Dewey, and some by many other famous Americans.

McLaren Park, a 315-acre park high above Visitacion Valley, is in the process, by degree, to become a thing of beauty, there are tennis courts, a tower for the sightseer, bicycle and hiking paths.

Neighbors Rode the Old Visitacion Line When the Valley Was Young

Years before any bus line stretched across the City, many residents of the neighborhood rode the old Visitacion Valley streetcar, a 2.5 mile single track line stretching from the corner of Geneva Avenue and Mission Street to the Six Mile House once located at what is now Bayshore Boulevard and Sunnydale Avenue.

Along the numberless line, which United Railroads commenced on October 25, 1909 as an attraction to promote the sale of real estate in the Valley, streetcars ran through tall grass and up dirt roads, where several turn-outs allowed one car to pass another. From what is now Geneva Avenue, the

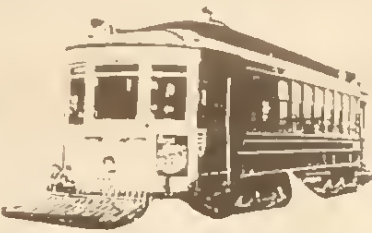
track turned left at Schwerin Street and right at McDonald Avenue just beyond the county line before winding around to its eastern terminal.

Most unfortunate was an accident one morning during World War I on July 12, 1918 when a streetcar overloaded with workers commuting east-bound to the shipyards lost its brakes on an incline before rounding the curve at Schwenn Street. It tipped over onto its side, killing eight passengers and wounding 70.

Streetcars on the Visitacion line operated for nearly 30 years before their final day on July 31, 1937. Service had to be suspended and the track re-

moved after the City of San Francisco acquired the center right-of-way cars had been operating on to widen the former Wallbridge Street into an eastern extension of Geneva Avenue. On August 1, patrons having once ridden the quaint cars found the 50 Crocker-Amazon bus operating in its place.

Valley resident traveling downtown could either catch the 16 Third-Kearny line at the Six Mile House through 1941, or the 25 San Bruno to the Five Mile House at San Bruno and Wilde Avenues until late 1937. Like the Visitacion line, both had been part of the old Market Street Railway. After the



private company's 1944 merger with Muni, the H. Potrero was extended down San Bruno to Arleta Avenue for a short time after World War II before service was eventually replaced by busses.

Here's How Some of the Streets in Visitacion Valley Got Their Names

Visitacion Valley is a compact community comprised of many streets, alleys and cul-de-sacs. Almost everybody living in the neighborhood knows where these various roads are located, but not many residents are aware of how their streets were named.

Visitacion Avenue, for example, is named after the Valley to commemorate the appearance of the Virgin Mary to Saint Elizabeth. Visitacion Valley was originally a land tract granted to Jacob P. Lesse in 1839 for the construction of houses.

Bayshore Boulevard simply signifies that the shore of San Francisco Bay once reached the location of this thoroughfare.

Geneva Avenue was named for a

city in New York which had been named for a popular Swiss city.

Burr Avenue was named for Mayor Ephraim Burr whose administration consolidated the City and County of San Francisco in the mid-1850s.

Garrison Avenue is named for San Francisco's second and fourth mayor, Cornelius Garrison, elected to his first term a mere six months upon arriving on the West Coast.

Argonaut Avenue was named for the Argonauts, early San Francisco settlers who battled deplorable living conditions while searching for gold.

Alpha and Delta streets respectively denote the first and fourth letters of the Greek alphabet.

Calgary Street represents the Canadian city named after the Gaelic word

for "clean running water."

Castillo Street simply means "little castle" in Spanish.

Cora Street was named for gambler Charles Cora who was hanged by vigilantes for killing a U.S. marshal.

Goettingen Street is named after a German town.

Holyoke Street represents the learning institution dedicated to explorer Ellizor Holyoke.

Pasadena Street was named for the southern California city. Pasadena is a Native American word meaning "crown of the valley" in Chippewa.

Peninsula Avenue runs in the same direction as the San Francisco peninsula.

Pueblo Street is named after the Spanish word for "town."

Racine Lane represents the city and county in Wisconsin whose name is French for "root."

Rutland Street represents the Vermont city named for an English town.

Santos Street is named for the Portuguese meaning of "saints."

Sparta Street historically represents the Greek military town which defeated Athens in the Peloponnesian War of 404 B.C.

Sunrise Way was named for its spectacular view of a valley sunrise.

Tunnel Avenue is located near Southern Pacific railroad tracks which eventually enter a tunnel.

Wabash Terrace is named for a Native American word meaning either "shining white" or "water over white stone."

Grapevine Puzzler

Titled "Visitacion Valley Streets," this first Puzzler by Anne Kaartunen originally appeared in the October, 1986 Grapevine.

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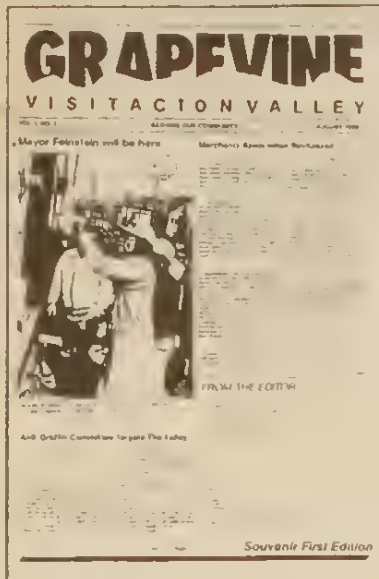
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A Decade of Valley Happenings

1986

*San Francisco Alive, Mayor Dianne Feinstein's anti-graffiti and litter committee announced a scheduled August 2 Visitacion Valley campaign.



August 1986

*More than 200 Valley and Sunnydale residents were joined by Mayor Feinstein, volunteers from Delancy Street, S.F. Youth Conservation Corps, S.F. Police Dept., S.F. Sheriff Dept. and graffiti artists from S.F. Youth Guidance Center in S.F. Alive's clean-up campaign.

*Visitacion Valley Senior Park and Community Garden received Honorary Mention and a \$100 check from the American Community Gardening Association, awarded for A New Garden in the Western Region.

*An October 12 power outage at 1:18 p.m. blacked out 2500 Geneva Towers residents for 36 hours, and continually the following week.

*Visitacion Valley Middle School (VMS) inaugurated its outdoor science program with flower and vegetable gardens in McLaren Park.

*Several neighborhood merchants participated in the Valley's first holiday window decorating contest, with Bernice's Custom Drapery Shop the winner.

1987

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Middle School on Girard St. was dedicated January 15

*A memorial service was held February 1 at St. James Presbyterian Church for Rev R. Mark Conradt - parish pastor from 1971 to 1984 - who died in New York following a long illness.

*A grant of more than \$15,000 was approved by the S.F. Foundation for the Geneva Towers Recreation Program.

*Former Mission High football great Mike Klotovich was among ten members of the 1987 S.F. Prep Hall of Fame to be honored at a special May banquet at USF Commons.



July 1987

*Mayor Feinstein met with concerned Valley residents at the Sunnydale Auditorium May 12 to investigate and resolve complaints about Geneva Towers management and an increase of crime, vandalism and drug abuse.

*Three new sets of stop signs were approved for the Valley's business area to control traffic and protect pedestrians.

*Motorists coming from the peninsula into the Valley were advised to take the Brisbane exit to avoid September 18 traffic from Pope John Paul II's special service at Candlestick Park.

*Camp Fire started its Visitacion Valley group October 13 with the theme: Every kid is a winner.

*After months of painting, the Library Mural on Leland Ave. and Desmond St. was dedicated November 7.

*San Francisco teens - hoping for jobs in the Mayor's In-School Youth

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September 1987

(MISY) employment program - joined community leaders for a press conference on the steps of S.F. City Hall when funding was cut.

*Visitacion Valley Elementary School (VVES) received a Distinguished Elementary School Award for 1987 from the State Department of Education.

*Schlage Lock employees donated a total of nearly \$85,000 to United Way of the Bay Area.

1988

*A collection and disposal facility for household hazardous waste was opened near Beatty Road for City residents.

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February 1988

*SFPD began escorts and members of the Guardian Angels began riding buses on the 15 Third St. line in the Valley after several rock peltings and a gun attack in February.

*After 14 years of planning, a new crosswalk was installed across Bayshore Blvd. at San Bruno Ave.

*Students at VMS celebrated completion of their Sports of Hope mural located in the gym.

*Annual Cleanup Day was scheduled June 25 in the Valley.

*After 59 years, Gatti Nursery closed June 27.

*A group of 37 people met with Mayor Art Agnos to develop and implement strategies for the Mayor's Drug Symposium Task Force.

*Furious, frightened and frustrated Sunnydale residents met September 13 to discuss drug-induced violence at their housing project.

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November 1988

*Valley activists met with Capt. Gleason of Potrero Station to discuss an SFPD program to combat drug dealing in the City's southeast communities.

*Mayor Agnos presented Hertz Recreational Director Renee Strong with S.F.'s first place Employee Recogni-

tion Award.

*After netting \$229 in a bake sale, the Long Shots Youth Club of Geneva Towers sponsored a home delivery program of chicken and fish dinners.

1989

*Board of Advisors of Outstanding Americans named Valley resident Derrick Dogan to the 1988 roster of Outstanding Young Men of America

*After 28 years in the Valley, druggists Jack Creighton and wife Yvonne closed their Leland Avenue Pharmacy.

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February 1989

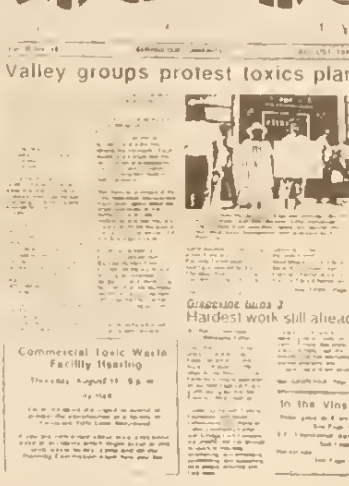
*Maxicare, the Valley's only medical facility, closed its Leland Ave. location February 1.

*Ownership and management of Leland True Value Hardware was assumed by the Advincula family.

*S.F. Department of Social Service, in cooperation with the Mayor's Homeless Program, began placing homeless women, children and families in vacant apartments at Geneva Towers.

*A new mural at the VVCC playground was dedicated at the May 20 Street Fair.

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August 1989

*Protesters gathered on the steps of City Hall July 6 to show their displeasure at City Planning's proposed Hazardous Waste Disposal plan for San Francisco.

*A new traffic plan was devised by the Candlestick Park Transportation Task Force with the California Highway Patrol to assist motorists trying to get into the Valley during ballgames.

*Sunnydale planned an August 19 grand opening celebration for its new community center.

*Vincent Chao was named principal of VVES.

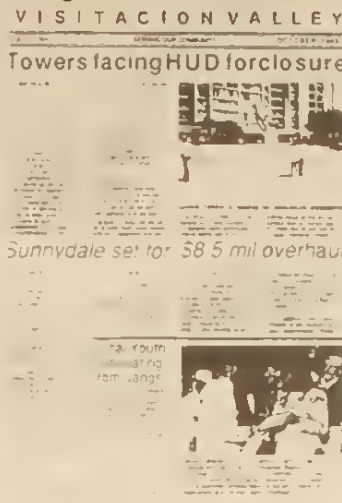
*Narcotics Task Force officers began conducting athletic clinics for youth 8 to 13 at three playgrounds.

*A new mural designed by Jo Tucker and titled Treasure Our Earth was completed at 325 Leland Ave.

*Mayor Agnos announced a loan pool established to help qualified small businesses affected by the October 17

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October 1989

Loma Prieta earthquake 1990

*Tuntex Properties, Inc. of Taiwan purchased S.F. Executive Park, almost 900 wet and dry acres of Southern Pacific land and property on Sierra Point.

*El Rancho Market, a fixture in the Valley since 1954, closed.

*Schlage Lock donated \$10,000 to the S.F. Earthquake Relief Fund.

*Rev. Jeremias Resus was named new pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church November 11.

*A 51-unit Hospice by the Bay home for people with life-threatening illnesses was planned for the former Maxicare site at 141 Leland Ave.

*Rosa's Boutique celebrated its 10th anniversary on Leland Ave.

*Student Natrice Spicer of Our Lady of Visitacion School was named Miss Sunnydale 1991 at a November contest

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November 1989

*Peacemaking Awards were presented December 16 by St. James Presbyterian Church to Karen Murray and Shirletha Holmes-Boxx.

1991

*Persons representing various professions spoke at El Dorado School's Career Day.

*More than 50 Valley residents met at VVCC January 14 to form an association dealing with neighborhood crime.

*A memorandum of understanding from Executive Park let residents of both 94124 and 94134 zip codes have first opportunity of jobs, both construction and permanent.

*More than 900 volunteers came to Visitacion Valley and OMI neighborhoods April 27 to spruce-up residences of low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners.

*After several years of wrangling, HUD obtained a court judgement allowing in to assume management of Geneva Towers.

*VVES honored its teachers, staff and volunteers during Teachers Appreciation Week in May

*Regi Oliver became VVCC's new music instructor in June

*Sunnydale's Gang Prevention Program was named finalist for the H B McDaniel Group Award

*Local merchants honored longtime Valley merchant, realtor and activist Henry Schindel at a July 21 breakfast meeting



June 1991

*Members of the Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Association gathered at a special meeting September 13 to debate Hospice by the Bay's proposed Leland Avenue Residence - a home for people with life-threatening illnesses - to occupy the former Maxicare site.

*Mayor Agnos appointed 30 young leaders to a citywide Youth Forum.

*Sunnydale's Just Say No to Drugs Club was presented with a plaque October 22 for first place honors in the S.F. Youth Fair parade.



October 1991

*Residents of Geneva Towers and Sunnydale came together November 6 for a Cease Fire candlelight vigil to take their neighborhood back from drug pushers and gang bangers

*Valley-Wide Parents' Council formed December 3 to help parents work together with schools, recreation centers, daycare and other programs their children attend.

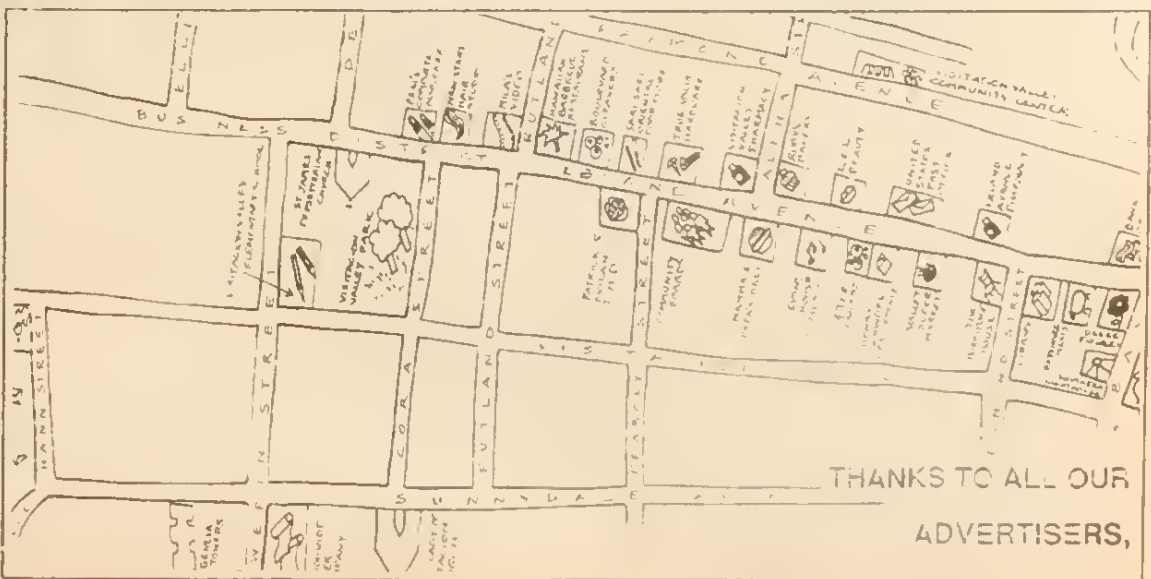
1992

*El Dorado School students spent February 28 cleaning a section of Ocean Beach.

*VVES students held two multicultural assemblies to share cultures and celebrate ethnic diversity.

*Darleen Wong, instructor at VVES for 35 years, was awarded Elementary School Teacher of the Year May 2 by S.F. State University Alumni Association.

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THANKS TO ALL OUR ADVERTISERS,

For its first anniversary in August 1987, the Grapevine thanked its many advertisers in a two-page centerfold spread showing the business district of Visitacion Valley.

Valley Happenings

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*Southeast Health Center sponsored a *Father's Day Health Fair* June 6 at VVCC.

*El Dorado School Neighborhood Betterment Council held its first barbecue June 27 at Girard St. and Harkness Ave.

*Visitacion Valley's six teams of the *Midnight Basketball League* began play in August.

*Construction began in September on 563 new condominiums at Executive Park.

*Shanani Bardell was named Miss Sunnydale 1993.

*VVES's new gym floor was dedicated November 20.

*Capt. Harlan Wilson assumed command of Ingleside Station in November 1993.

*After more than 35 years in the Valley, Boulevard Cleaners announced it would close in March.



June 1993

*With its 75th anniversary March 14, VVCC celebrated its founding with a gala potluck celebration where State Senator Milton Marks presented the center with a special plaque.

*Mayor Frank Jordan brought grim budget news to a Valley meeting at Wilson High March 18.

*Gigi Hithe was elected Valley representative of S.F. Children's Services for the 1993-94 fiscal year.

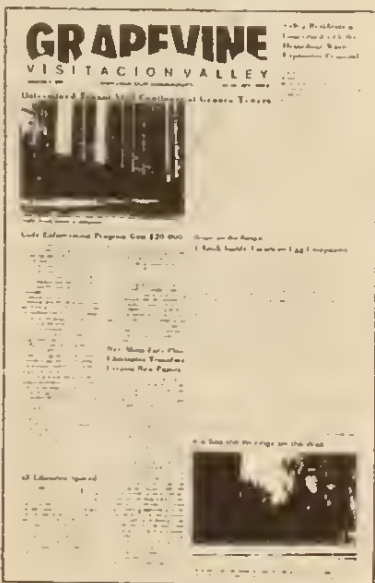
*Ready for Work started at VVCC to provide job readiness training for youth ages 14 to 17.

*Muni presented plans to Valley residents April 29 for a light rail system through the Bayshore corridor.

*Valley residents attended a special May 25 meeting with S.F. Supervisors to describe neighborhood problems.

*Preliminary plans to expand Southeast Community Hazardous Waste Collection Facility were discussed at a July 6 meeting.

*Coalition members began a vigil at Geneva Towers July 21 to protest what they felt were unreasonable living conditions.



August 1993

*More than 20 people, including eight firefighters - one fatally - were injured when an August 14 fire destroyed a third floor Geneva Towers apartment.

*More than 100 volunteers from 10 companies assisted staff at VVCC, September 13 to 17 during *Week of Caring*.

*Burning noses, watering eyes and nausea resulted from a mysterious gas that sent some Wilson High students and staff to the hospital September 22.

*VVES began participating in a nationally recognized reading program called *Success for All*.

*Rose Donovan was awarded *Volunteer of the Year* honors at a Salvation Army Council holiday party December 21.

1994

*Geneva Towers residents had a gala farewell party January 21 for departing Executive Manager Arthur Hutton.

*A second annual *Dr. Vernetta P. Caldwell Health Fair* was held February 26 at Geneva Towers.

*S.F. School District announced Sala and John Burton High School would shift to the Wilson campus on Mansell St. that fall, with Wilson High phased-out after existing classes graduated.

*Visitacion Valley Task Force (VVTF) held its initial meetings February 22 and March 1.

*Girls Against Gangs began producing their monthly cable television shows.

*VVMS appealed to a U.S. District Court to halt its eventual reconstitution.

*Local residents attended the Valley's first *National Emergency Response Team (NERT)* meeting in April.

*Captain Michael Dower became new chief of Ingleside Police Station.

*Visitacion Valley celebrated its tenth annual *Street Fair* on May 21.

*VVTF released a preliminary draft of its community survey results at a regular June 20 meeting.

*Mayor Jordan joined S.F. Housing Authority staff and Sunnydale residents July 20 for unveiling of a refurbished model building.

*Four VVES students won awards for excellence in science and math in the annual *Science Exposition* at Whitney Young Center.

*Reconstituted VVMS began planning its fall semester under new Principal John Flores with briefings and a tour of the Valley.

*Local residents requested longer hours and better books at a September 1 library hearing at the Visitacion Valley Branch.

*HUD recommended demolition of Geneva Towers and their replacement with low-rise housing at a September 19 VVTF meeting.

*A *Vista Overlook* project was announced for McLaren Park.

*Recognized for its best improved volunteer school program, VVES became one of three S.F. institutions to receive the *Honor Roll of Schools* awarded from S.F. School Volunteers.

*Regular VVTF monthly meetings were moved to the fourth Friday of every month.

*St. James Presbyterian Church held a successful second annual fair.

*Elections voted in a new student council at VVMS.

*VVTF members presented a *Neighborhood Strategic Plan* to the S.F. Redevelopment Agency on December 6.

1995
*Neighbors and friends in Visitacion Valley got together January 16 for a community-wide *Clean-up Campaign* to remove trash from McLaren Park and other areas of the neighborhood.



May 1995

*Staff and students of VVES gathered at the corner of Bayshore Boulevard and Sunnydale Avenue January 24 for the unveiling of their *Neighborhood Image Enhancement* billboard.

*VVTF members unanimously agreed February 25 to request a bilingual officer to be assigned in the Valley.

*Two crucial meetings were held April 18 and 20 to discuss a Draft *Environmental Impact Report (EIR)* and its relation to proposed expansion of an existing household hazardous waste facility on Tunnel Avenue.

*VVMS introduced two new school programs: *KeySEC*, an association of parents, teachers and staff, students and community members, and *Viz Kids*, an after school program.

*Residents of both Little Hollywood and Visitacion Valley unanimously opposed proposed expansion of a household hazardous waste facility on Tunnel Avenue at an April 18 meeting at VVCC to revise an EIR.

*Ruth Jackson was named *Woman of the Year* for 1996 by the Delta Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

*St. James Presbyterian Church held a joyous May 14 celebration on Mother's Day, as well as spirited festivities June 18 on Father's Day.

*VVTF members agreed on May 27 to meet in weekly sessions to develop benchmarks for inclusion in a request for government funding.

*Visitacion Valley held its 11th annual Festival on May 20.

*Acknowledging decades of devotion to his community, Henry Schindel received an *Honorary Doctorate of Public Service* from John F. Kennedy University on June 17.

*New English as a Second Language (ESL) classes were announced for Visitacion Valley commencing August 21.

*Schlege Lock began testing the soil on its premises for contamination.

*HUD presented \$11.8 million to the Housing and Community Development Corporation (HCDC) at a July 19 Geneva Towers meeting to help build new Valley housing.

*McLaren Park was selected as one of three potential sites for an underground reservoir to provide emergency supplies of water for firefighting, park irrigation and industrial use.

*Geneva Towers were officially closed for demolition on August 31.

*VVTF members agreed children and youth, education and training leading to employment, and a stronger economic base were top priorities needing improvement in Visitacion Valley.

*VVMS replaced its viking mascot with a falcon logo.

*Valley neighbors gathered September 16 at VVCC for a combined garage sale.

*Plans were commenced to establish a *Beacon Center* at VVMS.

Grapevine Celebrates

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writing and edit copy. Florence Pewtherer now handles the billing department.

For 15 issues, beginning in October 1992, local youth contributed stories, photos and pictures to a four-page supplement funded by a grant from the S.F. Arts Commission, the *Totally Cool 'Vine*.

With dwindling revenue and rising newsprint costs, the newspaper reluctantly scaled back to eight pages and reduced its type size in January 1994 to save money. As with any newspaper anywhere in the world, the Grapevine has had its share of computer malfunctions and staff members have had many a sleepless night. But as any newspaper person already knows, perseverance is the name of the game... plus a little cash. So Happy 10th Birthday to us!

*Representatives from Muni and both Potrero and Ingleside police stations were present at a September 23 VVTF meeting listening to residents voice their concerns.

*Neighbors gathered to give Visitacion Valley Community Garden a cleaning October 21 prior to its official reopening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

*At an October 28 meeting, VVTF members and concerned residents approved five benchmarks: after school programs, child care, economic development, job training and placement, and ESL, as vital areas to be developed.

*St. James Presbyterian Church held a successful bazaar on November 18.

*About 50 residents from Visitacion Valley were provided with a Muni bus to attend a Residents of South East Sector (ROSES) meeting on November 2.

*Greetings in five languages welcomed visitors to the December 2 grand opening of the Village, a new association of several vital Visitacion Valley services located at 333 Schwerin St.

A *Red Cross Family Support Center* opened December 7 at 1704 Sunnydale Ave.

1996
*Burglars broke into St. James Presbyterian Church around January 14, taking \$10,000 in church property.

*Meetings of the Southeast Communities - Norcal - City Agencies Forum were held January 18 and March 7 at Executive Park to resolve problems caused by the existing waste facility on Tunnel Avenue to the surrounding neighborhood.

*Architects attending a January 27 VVTF meeting presented plans for 91 low rise homes along Sunnydale Avenue adjacent to Geneva Towers.

*Fresh Start Farms and VVMS formed a partnership creating a commercial farm on school grounds.

*Many Visitacion Valley residents and merchants joined other concerned citizens at a meeting of a newly-appointed Police Commission at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School on February 28.

*Jeff Mori replaced Anthony Lincoln as director of the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families.

*VVES celebrated black history and the lunar new year in a combined multicultural assembly on February 15.

*Geneva Valley Development Corporation (GVDC) was created to plan new replacement housing for Geneva Towers.

*St. James Presbyterian Church celebrated its 90th anniversary April 28 with special appearances by two former pastors.

More than 1,400 signatures were gathered on a petition calling for improved safety measures in the Valley.

*Visitacion Valley held its 12th annual Festival on May 18.

*In a festive program, a long-awaited *Beacon Center* at VVMS, 450 Raymond Ave. opened on June 10.

*St. Luke's Hospital announced it will open a Visitacion Valley clinic by late summer.

*Catholic Charities announced plans to open a licensed care facility by the end of 1996 at 141 Leland Ave., the former Maxicare site.

*Mayor Willie Brown joined HUD's Andrew Cuomo on June 17 to announce the San Francisco had received \$41.9 million to fund various neighborhood projects.

*A VVTF safety subcommittee revealed plans to establish *police report desks* at three vital Valley locations: VVCC, the Village and the Beacon Center at VVMS.



Lunch on Leland Avenue, with Len and Terri Appiano joining Grapevine reporter Gerry Galvan in discussing current local events.

BINGO AT VVCC

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The *Living Room Festival*, the Bay Area's on air independent film and video showcase series, will return to KQED, Channel 9 for a fourth season beginning August 9. For eight consecutive Fridays at 11 p.m., the series will feature 55 independently produced works from the Bay Area and around the world.

This season premieres with a bang. *Pop Culture*, a 60-minute program featuring fictional biopics about rock stars John Lennon and Courtney Love. In Junwhan Chang's tragic 2001: *Imagine*, a working-class Korean youth imagines himself the reincarnation of John Lennon. Sound bite and high concept are the central ideas running throughout George Griffin's animated romp through the advertising world entitled *New Fangled*. With help from Langston Hughes' poem *I, Too*, Kwame Yao Anku's public service announcement *Notes from a Black Virtual Reality* examines how African American men's clothing determines how they are treated in the larger society. Closing out the program is Liza Johnson's *Good Sister/Bad Sister*, a stranger-than-life true story about the link between bad girl Courtney Love and underground political fugitive Katherine Anne Powers.

In the weeks that follow, viewers will be inspired, entertained and challenged by works from around the world. *Color (in all its permutations)*, airing August 16, offers viewers not only brilliant, visually exuberant works, but also pieces that touch on race and social constructs of color. Mindy Mollary's arch send-up of lounge singers, *Word: Untitled* has a white male lamenting his plight in the contemporary world. In *Las Affinites Recouvrees*, artist Cynthia Beth Rubin interweaves color-drenched computer animation of both Jewish and Muslim sites in Morocco. Love has everything to do with it in Daniel Robin's first person documentary, *Matza Balls and Black Eyed Peas* that explores interracial love.

Two Bay Area organizations best known for their unwavering support and nurturing of experimental film and video take center stage on August 23 when Poetry Film Workshop and Canyon Cinema co-present *20/30 Years of Independent Film and Video*. Viewers will delight in veteran filmmaker Larry Jordan's cut out animation *Orb*, a film as ephemeral as the colors swimming on the surface of a soap bubble. *Bal-lad of a Black Man* by Ian C. Dewkins-Moore uses text by African writer Chinua Achebe to illustrate the universal obstacles facing black men. Always ready to put a spin on the most commonplace of occurrences, local luminary George Kuchar documents a spring thunderstorm on the southern plains in his *Wild Night in El Reno*.

In *Humor* on August 30, viewers have an opportunity to question their preconceived notion that all independent film and video is dull and boring. Lisa Hayes' *Dike* tells the tale of one woman's struggle to control her amputated leg that appears to have a mind of its own. A supermarker scenario we all fear, not recalling the name of a person you're speaking to, takes on a poignant twist in Jesse Wine's *American Fish*. When Alfedena local officials sought to close down a 20-foot high compost heap, Jay April was there to document the story of Zeke the Sheik & the Ladder of Matter.

Perhaps no site has been more hotly contested in recent memory as much as the theme of the next show, *The Body*, airing September 6. Pulitzer prize winning poet Patricie Smith describes the cruelty of instant AIDS cures in Kurt Helntz's *Chinese Cucumbers*. And the trials and tribulations of farm life are inventively illustrated with scraps of fabric in Debra Callabresi's *Quilted by Hand*.

How we communicate, or don't, is the focus of *Language* on September 13. In *The F Word*, Marcia Jamel and Erin Gallagher play off the title's double entendre to explore the stigma of feminism. Gustavo Vazquez examines growing up in Mexico in the 1950s and his contemporary friends in the U.S. with whom he shares personal, spiritual and cultural experiences in *Lunada*. Through various forms of storytelling, *Actions Speak Louder Than Words* by Richard Kwietniowski shows the parallels and intersections between deal and gay cultures.

Shifting gears, *Love 'n' Hate* on September 20 takes a look at those intertwined emotions that, at times, appear impossible to separate. Two brothers, estranged by an accidental shooting 20 years ago, are forced to deal with their past in Nancy Botkin's *Welcome Home Hero*. Anne Flatte's poetic documentary, *Interlove Story*, examines the challenges facing interfaith marriages.

On September 20, the season concludes with *(Im)Migration*, a program of historical documents, poetic documentaries, and a tour de force performance piece on this passionately debated issue. The pitfalls of the paradise imagined by most immigrants is the theme of Joan Baker's *Promised Land*. Across continents, *Zimbabwe Wheel* by Samuel Ball examines how Berkeley-based wheelchair innovators incorporate the strides made by their African counterparts for improving wheelchair design. And Ramiro Puerta's witty and illuminating satire, *Crossroads*, offers a burlesque excursion into the myth and reality of Latino culture in North America.

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In the landmark decision, the arbitrator awarded special damages of \$461,860 for repayment of contract funds to the City and County of San Francisco, premature lease termination penalties, re-audit costs by Cooper & Lybrand, and Antonini's own audit fees. The arbitrator also awarded \$250,000 in general damages for the reduction in net charitable contributions suffered in Fiscal Years 1993-94 and 1994-95.

Damages awarded in excess of Shanti's debt and legal fees will be credited to the agency \$2 million into the *Light* campaign. This campaign, co-chaired by Jim Hormel and Larry D. Soule and including Alvin Baum, Jr., Michael Feinstein, Whoopi Goldberg, Tom Hanks, Chuck Holmes, Ayse Kenmore, Bette Midler, David B. Moxner, Dee Mosbacher, Hank Plante, Lily Tomlin, Rev. Cecil Williams and Robin Williams, aims to promote public awareness of the AIDS epidemic and to raise needed funds to support direct services for PWAs. Scheduled to conclude in October 1996, the campaign has now raised 83 percent of its \$2 million goal.

"Now that Shanti's name has been cleared and repayment of its debt to the City made possible, we can move forward with the Release of our Strategic Plan, which maps out exciting new programmatic developments to ensure that Shanti's services continue to be fully responsive to the changing needs of people with AIDS," said Sandoval. "This occasion provides an appropriate opportunity to thank the thousands of volunteers and donors whose support of Shanti has never wavered."

Shanti provides a comprehensive continuum of emotional and practical care for PWAs, including one-on-one volunteer support, care coordination, clinical mental health services, transportation, cultural and social activities, nursing and programs specially tailored to the Latino and Tenderloin communities. Shanti is funded by grants from city, state and federal agencies, corporations and foundations, and from private donations.

Bilingual Health Clinic Services at the Village

Funded by the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, Hawkins Village Medical and Mental Health Clinic at 333 Schwerin St. provides the following services in both English and Cantonese:

Medical Clinic: physical exams, including sports physicals; immunizations; vision and hearing screening; treatment for minor, acute and chronic illness; nutrition and health education; and referrals. Call 821-4050 for an appointment.

Mental Health Clinic: child, adolescent and family therapy family support, including grandparents and single parent households; assessment, case management and referral; and young people and parent groups. Call 715-0310 for an appointment. Drop-ins are also okay.

Staff includes: a social worker, physician, nurse practitioner, health worker and public health nurse. Services are also available Tuesdays at 1653 Sunnydale Ave. from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 715-0310 for an appointment. Drop-ins are okay from 9 to 11 a.m.

S.F. Public Schools Need Volunteers

San Francisco's public schools need your help. If you can volunteer an hour or more a week, you could volunteer in the classroom; help with math, reading or writing; provide one-to-one tutoring; assist in your child's classroom; or serve as a role model. For further information, call 274-0250.

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Members of the Visitacion Valley Task Force addressed various issues during a recent meeting.

Task Force Meeting

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Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families and neighborhood programs.

Two options were suggested for the council's structure: Nine community representatives (one from each neighborhood) and invited City department representatives would elect a chair and co-chair, operating with parliamentary procedure; or, the nine community representatives would not elect a chairperson and operate in an equal, informal manner.

First meeting of the Advisory Council will take place in August, with meet-

ings held every other week during the early part of the project, then lessen to once a month.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Community Boards recently provided training to Neighborhood Safety Partnership (NSP) outreach workers. NSP staff made an attempt to distribute flyers announcing a VVTF meeting. When it was learned that residents on certain streets didn't receive the notices, a phone tree was suggested by Lisa Wisner to help disseminate information.

NEXT MEETING

Next VVTF meeting is scheduled for August 24, 10:30 a.m. at 50 Raymond Ave.

Waste Plant Complaints

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made a habit of infiltrating the skies over Little Hollywood and bombarding its residents with droppings are finally showing a reduction in numbers. This is due in part to the windsock installed on the Transfer Station and the closing of its doors, but Norcal is also evaluating the use of roof wire controls, a wind apron and a bitter-tasting spray.

"Dust has been reduced by moving boxes from the north TURF yard to south of Beatty Road, resurfacing surrounding areas which reduces puddles of water from forming and drawing mosquitoes, and water misting the public drop-off area."

To combat litter in Little Hollywood and Executive Park, Norcal sends workers into the areas daily to collect any trash on the streets.

Norcal has also long ceased parking its trucks on Tunnel Avenue and has advised its vendors to do the same.

During the July 18 meeting attended by both Norcal and a few members of the Little Hollywood and Visitacion Valley communities, Jim Mason, safety and environmental compliance manager for Norcal, presented a video detailing the various methods used in documenting and processing all hazardous waste entering the Tunnel Avenue facility. Different types of protective clothing are required for handling

each type of waste, which is either carefully recycled or placed in double or triple-walled drum for transportation to a final destination.

Also detailed were improvements to a hill bordering the north end of the property and neighbor's homes where a fence has been upgraded, a tarp installed and a retaining wall will be built to check an ongoing problem of erosion.

Thompson explained that although Norcal had a job to do for the city of San Francisco, they would also like to work with residents in the surrounding area to achieve an amicable solution to any conflicts.

"The main issue is getting things done and moving forward," explained Thompson, who stressed the importance of local residents in the communities around the Norcal facility attending the bi-monthly meetings at Executive Park. He also indicated his organization would be mediating the proceedings on an interim basis while a local entity was sought to chair the meetings.

Anyone wanting to receive the Forum newsletter by mail can get on the mailing list by sending a request to Thompson Company, Inc., P.O. Box 4596, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0596.

Book Review

Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas by Alan Balboni (1996, University of Nevada Press, Reno NV); (702) 784-6573, 190 pgs.

As a professor of history and political science at the Community College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas resident Alan Balboni had interviewed more than 150 key individuals since 1988 in producing this engaging volume detailing Italian American contributions to the development of the city that never sleeps.

Just a small railroad town from 1905 until the construction of nearby Boulder (now Hoover) Dam on the Colorado River in the early 1930s, Las Vegas grew from just 5,165 people in 1930 to nearly 130,000 in its metropolitan area by 1960. Today, there are about a million people living in or around Las Vegas, making it the largest city in the nation founded in the twentieth century.

Balboni notes the greatest migration of Italian Americans occurred after the Second World War — he grew up a Bostonian — but that some immigrants did arrive early in the century to work either on railroads or in mines. Most of their meager earnings were used in the purchase of real estate.

By the 1960s and 60s, one quarter of the headliners in Las Vegas nightclubs and casinos were of Italian descent, along with the many developers, architects and contractors who designed and built the places where they performed.

Crossword Solution

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Soz Who?

Match quotes to speakers.

- "Good fences make good neighbors."
- "When producers want to know what the public wants, they graph it as curves. When they want to tell the public what to get, they say it in curves."
- "Truth never damages a cause that is just."
- "No matter how calmly you try to referee, parenting will eventually produce bizarre behavior, and I'm not talking about the kids. Their behavior is always normal."
- "Instead of giving a politician the keys to a city, it might be better to

change the locks."

- "An advertising agency is 85 percent confusion and 15 percent commission."
- "Popularity? It's glory's small change."
- "In Europe an actor is an artist. In Hollywood, if he isn't working, he's a bum."
- "Nothing strengthens authority so much as silence."
- A. Anthony Quinn
- B. Doug Larson
- C. Victor Hugo
- D. Charles de Gaulle
- E. Fred Allen
- F. Robert Frost
- G. Marshall McLuhan
- H. Bill Cosby
- I. Mohandas K. Gandhi

Answers: 1-F, 2-G, 3-I, 4-H, 5-B, 6-E, 7-C, 8-A, 9-D.

This Month In S.F. History

AUGUST

- In 1849, John W. Gaery became San Francisco's first American alcalde. One year later, the former local postmaster, who had served as a colonial in the Mexican-American war, became the City's first mayor. In 1881, a U.S. Quarantine Station was authorized for Angel Island. In 1961, the new Hall of Justice at 950 Bryant St. was opened.
- In 1873, Andrew S. Hallidie operated the first of his cable cars down the steep Clay St. hill, completing the six-block trial run between Jones and Kearney Sts. In 1923, President Warren G. Harding, having become ill at Grants Pass, Oregon during a tour of the western United States, died at the Palace Hotel.
- In 1959, the S.F. Evening Pictorial, the first evening newspaper on the Pacific Coast, commenced publication by Dr. J.H. Gihon & Co. of six cents an issue.
- In 1966, an eight-hour work day was demanded by striking City pleistars.

9: In 1870, a contract for a preliminary topographical survey was awarded to W.H. Hall in the designing of Golden Gate Park.

10: In 1973, the first BART train traveled through the transbay tube under the S.F. Bay to the new subway station at Montgomery St.

11: In 1930, a minimum clearance of 220 feet was established by the War Dept. for mid-span construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, with clearance at both piers set at 210 feet.

15: In 1901, 30 tons of explosives destroyed the hazardous Arch Rock situated in S.F. Bay. In 1914, Muni began operating streetcars on its new H-Van Ness route, later to become the 47 Polero.

15: In 1850, 60 acres of Lone Mountain were purchased by Archbishop Joseph Alamy to become part of the Calvary Cemetery, consecrated two years later on August 17.

19: In 1956, the Vigilance Committee held a large general review and parade to mark suspension of its operations. More than 3,000 men had served in its forces. In 1903, the maiden flight of Dr. A.

Creth's experimental dirigible was made over the City. 20: In 1956, the Republican National Convention opened at the Cow Palace, soon to again nominate President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon for eventual victory in the November election.

22: In 1959, the City's first railroad freight, a vane assortment of footwear, arrived from Boston in just 15 days. In 1999, the first wireless telegraph transmission to be received in the U.S. was sent from the S.F. lighthouse to a station inside the Cliff House.

24: In 1893, ground was broken for the S.F. Mid-Winter Fair in Golden Gate Park.

29: In 1914, the Arizona became the first ship to arrive in S.F. Bay via the newly completed Panama Canal. In 1954, the reconstructed S.F. International Airport was opened.

31: In 1851, the clipper ship Flying Cloud, piloted by Capt. Cressy and carrying vane merchandise, set a long-standing sailing record of 89 days - surpassed only several years ago from New York to S.F. traveling around Cape Horn.

first successful U.S. space launch.

18. He was singin' Great Balls of Fire.

- Elvis Presley
- Jimmy Hoffa
- Cruise control
- New York Yankees
- Nel Blu Dipinto di Blu (Volare)
- Car price stickers
- Marky Maypo
- Richard Nixon
- Seals Stadium
- Jerry Lee Lewis
- Federal Aviation Agency
- Three Stooges
- Explorer I
- N.B.C.
- The Bridge on the River Kwai
- 77 Sunset Strip
- Hula hoop
- Baltimore Colts

Answers: 1-A, 14-F, 15-C, 16-I, 17-B, 18-G, 19-D, 20-E, 21-H, 22-J, 23-K, 24-L, 25-M, 26-N, 27-O, 28-P, 29-Q, 30-R, 31-S.

Healthy Family Fiesta Coming August 10 At General Hospital

Community Health Network will be holding its Healthy Family Fiesta of Building Peace in Our Community on Saturday, August 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the front lawn of S.F. General Hospital. Special focus will be on violence prevention awareness for families and youth. Call 206-4129 for more information.

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FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

AUGUST 1991

*Comprised of members from four San Francisco neighborhoods, 1991 Community Board graduates were congratulated June 29 by Mayor Art Agnos.

*Visitacion Valley merchants honored long time neighborhood resident and community leader Henry Schindel with a special award at a July 21 breakfast meeting.

*St. James Presbyterian Church presented Filipiniana, a special Saturday program of history, culture and theological customs of the Philippines.

*Regi Oliver became the Community Center's new music instructor.

*Sunnydale's Gang Prevention Program was named a finalist for the H.B. McDaniel Group Award.

*Valley Baptist Church announced formation of a Hand in Hand after school program to sponsor activities twice-a-week for 40 students.

*Staff and youth of the Summer Youth Employment and Training Pro-

gram at the Community Center held a fish fry fundraiser July 25 to raise money for a celebration at the end of summer.

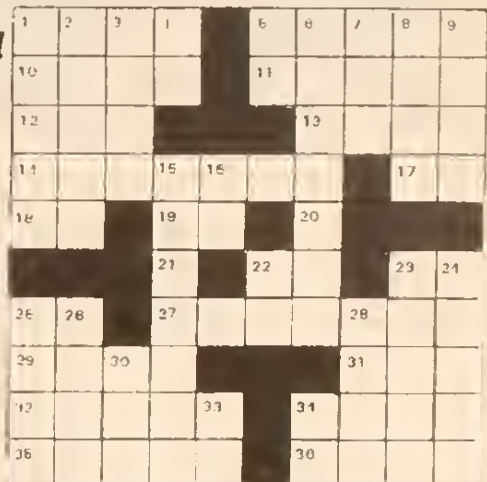
*San Francisco officials held a kick-off campaign July 17 to raise funds from the private sector for a new costs.

Main library.

*State Senators Quentin Kopp, Milton Marks and David Robert sponsored legislation to exempt free newspapers from a crippling 8.25 percent sales tax imposed on their printing costs.

Grapevine Crossword

ACROSS
1 Lower
5 Cover
10 Noblesman
11 Italian city
12 To be announced
13 Thaw
14 Askew
17 Toss
18 solution(s)
19 Eleven
20 Me
21 Five
22 Intravenous
23 East
24 Central
25 Akin to
27 Fire
29 Footwear
31 Fish
32 Saurus
34 Captain
35 Anvil
36 Distant
DOWN
1 Drug help
2 Minister
3 Spoken
4 Place(s)
5 Del grain
6 Get
7 Santa
8 Station
9 Consumes
10 Enriches
11 Quarts(s)
12 Provided
13 Pungitive
14 Hue
15 Encourage
16 Function
17 Poem
18 Route(s)
19 Not Available



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Famous Birthdays

AUGUST

- Robert Gray (1959); Dom DeLuise (1933); Jerry Garcia (1942); Jack Haley (1900); Hugh Harbert (1887); Arthur Hill (1922); Henry Jones (1912); Francis Scott Key (1779); Herman Melville (1819); Sam Warner (1887)
- Carroll O'Connor (1924); James Baldwin (1924); Victorine Jackson (1959); Gary Merrill (1915); Alan Reed (1907); Peter O'Toole (1934); Jack Warner (1902)
- Elizabeth Ashley (1939); Tony Bennett (1926); Joan Blondell (1912); Dolores Del Rio (1905); Jean Hagen (1923); John Landle (1950); Peggy Lipton (1947); Raymond Massey (1896); Fred MacMurray (1909); Jay North (1952); Ernie Pyle (1900); Martin Sheen (1940)
- Frankie Ford (1940); William Schuman (1910)
- Loni Anderson (1946); Neil Armstrong (1930); Rick Derringer (1947); John Huston (1906); John Saxon (1935); Robert Taylor (1911)
- Lucilla Ball (1911); Leo Carrillo (1880); Robert Michum (1917)
- Billie Burke (1889); David Resche (1944); B.J. Thomas (1942)
- Keith Cerradina (1949); Rory Calhoun (1923); Dustin Hoffman (1937); Connie Stevens (1938); Carl "Alfalfa" Switzer (1926); Jerry Tarkanian (1990); Esther Williams (1923)
- Sam Elliott (1944); Melanie

Griffith (1857); Allen "Fanna" Hoskins (1920); Whitney Houston (1963); Ken Norton (1945); Robert Shaw (1927); David Steinberg (1942)

10: Ian Anderson (1947); Rosanna Arquette (1959); Rickie Lee Cole (1967); Jimmy Dean (1929); Eddie Fisher (1929); Bobby Hatfield (1940); Herbert Hoover (1974)

11: Mike Douglas (1925); Jerry Falwell (1933); Alex Harvey (1921); Hulk Hogan (1959); Joe Jackson (1955); Lloyd Nolan (1902)

12: Cecil B. DeMille (1881); John Derek (1926); George Hamilton (1939); Mark Knopfler (1949); Buck Owens (1929); Merjorie Reynolds (1921); Barry Sullivan (1912); Suzanne Vega (1959)

13: Danny Bonaduce (1959); Timothy Bottoms (1951); Fidal Castro (1926); Dan Fogelberg (1951); Pat Hamilton (1929); Alfred Hitchcock (1899); Don Ho (1930); Bert Lahr (1895); Gene Raymond (1908); Regis Toomey (1902); Jane Wyatt (1912)

14: David Crosby (1941); Alice Ghostley (1926); Magic Johnson (1959); Steve Martin (1945); Nehemiah Persoff (1920); Susan St. James (1949); Danielle Steel; Robert Woolsey (1889)

15: Julia Child (1912); Mike Connors (1926); Huntz Hall (1919); Tees Harper (1950); Vernon Jordan (1935); Rose-Marie (1925)

16: Ann Blyth (1928); Belinda Carlisle (1958); Robert Culp (1930); Frank Gifford (1930); Kathie Lee Gifford (1953);

Anita Gillette (1938); Eydie Gorme (1932); Timothy Hutton (1960); Madonna (1958); Julie Newmar (1935); Fess Parker (1925); Lesley Ann Warren (1946)

17: Davey Crockett (1786); Robert DeNiro (1943); Maureen O'Hara (1920); Sean Pann (1960); Mee West (1992)

18: Rosalynn Carter (1927); Martin Mull (1943); Roman Polanski (1933); Robert Redford (1937); Christian Slater (1969); Patrick Swayze (1952); Shelly Winters (1922)

19: Ginger Baker (1939); Bill Clinton (1946); Tipper Gore (1948); Billy J. Kramer (1943); Jill St. John (1940)

20: Connie Chung (1946); Benjamin Harrison (1833); Isaac Hayes (1942); Ven Johnson (1915); Don King (1931); Phil Lynott (1951); Robert Plant (1948)

21: Count Basie (1904); Will Chamberlain (1936); Kenny Rogers (1936); Melvin Van Peebles (1932); Clarence Williams III (1939)

22: Morton Dean (1935); Valerie Harper (1940); John Lee Hooker (1917); Norman Schwarzkopf (1934); Cindy Williams (1948); Carl Yastrzemski (1939)

23: Barbara Eden (1934); Gene Kelly (1912); Shelley Long (1949); Vera Miles (1930); River Phoenix (1970); Rick Springfield (1949); Pete Wilson (1933)

24: Yasir Arafat (1929); Jim Capaldi (1944); John Cipollina (1943); Gerry Cooney (1956); Steve Guttanburg (1958); Dennis James (1917); Dunward

Kirby (1912); Al Molinaro (1919)

25: Anna Archar (1947); Leonard Bernstein (1919); Clara Bow (1905); David Canary (1939); Sean Connery (1930); Elvis Costello (1954); Billy Ray Cyrus (1961); Don DeFore (1937); Mel Ferrar (1912); Monty Hall (1925); Van Johnson (1919); Ruby Keeler (1905); Regie Philbin (1934); Blair Underwood (1964); George Wallace (1919)

26: Macaulay Culkin (1980); Jan Clayton (1925); Geraldine Ferraro (1935)

27: Barbara Bach (1947); Confucius (551 B.C.); Daryl Dragon (1942); Samuel Goldwyn (1882); Pee Wee Herman (1952); Lyndon B. Johnson (1908); Mother Teresa (1910); Marthe Reye (1918); Al Ritz (1901); Tuesday Weld (1943)

28: Charlie Boyer (1899); Ben Gazzara (1930); Nancy Kulp (1921); Donald O'Connor (1925); Jason Priestley (1989)

29: Ingrid Bergman (1917); Rebecca DeMornay (1962); Elliott Gould (1938); Michael Jackson (1958); Patar Jennings (1938); Robin Leach (1941); George Macready (1909); George Montgomery (1915); Preston Sturges (1898)

30: Elizabeth Ashley (1939); Shirley Booth (1907); Timothy Bottoms (1951); Ted Williams (1919)

31: Jerry Allieon (1939); Richard Basehart (1914); James Coburn (1926); Richard Gere (1948); Debbie Gibson (1970); Arthur Godfrey (1903); Buddy Hackett (1924); Fredric March (1897); Van Morrison (1945); Daniel Schorr (1919)

Constellations



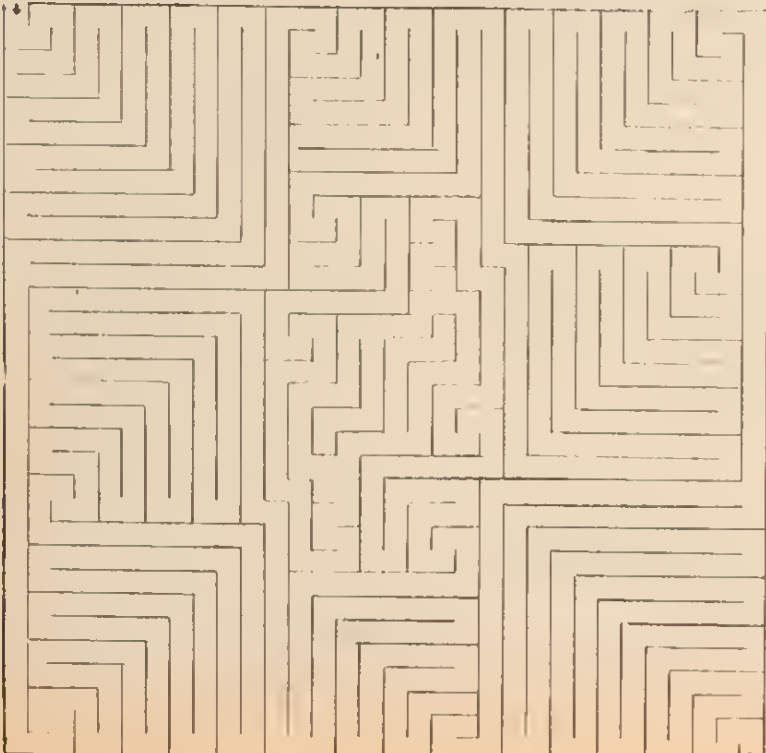
Historic Proportions

Match clues to answers.

1956

- Best Picture at the Academy Awards
- First time this cartoon kid only liked one kind of breakfast cereal.
- Venezuelans threw rocks at him on May 13
- A comic strip debuted about cavemen.
- On April 15, first major league baseball game on West Coast was played here.
- First destructive television run for these misfits.
- Champions of the NFL.
- Both Record and Song of the Year for 1958 at the Grammy Awards.
- Rings of plastic sell millions.
- World Series champs yet again.
- He's Teamster president on January 23
- On October 10, a finger-snapping tune identified this location.
- Drafted into the U.S. Army on March 24
- On July 7, these became law.
- Chrysler added a form of this auto feature.
- On August 23, this was established
- On January 31, this became the

MINUTE MAZE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
City Meetings: Aging-1st Wed 9:30 am, Airport-1st & 3rd Tu 3 pm; Arts-1st Mon 3 pm, Education-2nd/4th Tu 7 pm, Health-1st/3rd Tu 3 pm, Housing Authority-2nd/4th Th 4 pm; Human Rights-1st/3rd Th 4:30 pm, Library-1st Tu 5:30 pm, Planning-Th 1:30 pm, Police-Wed 5:30 pm, Port-1st Tu/3rd Wed 4:30 pm; Public Utilities-2nd/4th Tu 2 pm, Rec and Park-3rd Th 2 pm, Social Service-4th Th 9:30 am, Statue of Women-4th Th 4pm; Super. - 1st-Mon 2 pm.			SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE DEADLINE AUGUST 20	1 11:00am VVCC Senior Council Meeting 7:00pm ROBEA meeting	2 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	3
4 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	5 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	6 12:30pm VVCC Seniors Bingo	7	8	9 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	10
11 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	12 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	13 12:00pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:00pm Sunnydale Tenants Meet 7:00pm El Dorado NBO Meeting	14 8:00pm Executive Park Advisory Committee	15 8:00pm Season Council meet	16 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	17 10:00am Friends of Molokan Park
18 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	19 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	20 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 3:30pm Vis Valley Neighborhood Collaborative meet	21	22 9:00am USDA Surplus Food Distribution Day at VVCC	23 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	24 10:00am Vis Valley Task Force at 60 Raymond
25 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	26 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	27 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:00pm VVCC Board Meeting	28	29	30 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	31

Protecting American Consumers from "Mad Cow" Disease

In recent months, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) - also known as "mad cow disease" - has made worldwide news. Despite reports that BSE

could spread to humans as Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD), government inspection programs are in place to insure safety of American beef and other food products derived from cattle.

"This is a very unusual and quite isolated disease that requires further research," said Lester Crawford, D.V.M. Ph.D., executive director of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges. "There have been no confirmed cases of BSE in cattle in the United States. The federal government has implemented tight restric-

tions to prevent the disease from entering the states."

BSE, a rare chronic degenerative disease of the central nervous system, derives its name from the spongy appearance of an affected cow's brain tissue when examined upon death. It is one of several known transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE), including scrapie, an encephalopathy affecting sheep. The common name, "mad cow disease," refers to impaired coordination, poor posture and aggressive or nervous behavior afflicted animals exhibit.

Scientists believe the disease may be transmitted through protein feed supplements made from meat and bone meal of scrapie-infected sheep. It does not appear that BSE spreads from cattle to cattle, or from cattle to other species from physical contact. Scientific experts including U.S. food authorities, British experts and the World Health Organization have concluded that there is no direct evidence of a link between beef consumption and CJD.

According to Crawford, "If there is a risk to humans, it is linked to the consumption of brain or spinal cord tissue from BSE-infected animals, or exposure to these tissues in cattle processing facilities."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has been monitoring American cattle for the past nine years. APHIS has completed 2,660 tests for BSE or other diseases of the central nervous system on brains from suspect cattle.

"All tests conducted were negative," said William Hueston, D.V.M., Ph.D., of APHIS. "Moreover, no beef has been imported from Britain since 1985, and since 1989, there has been a ban on importing cattle from any country where BSE has been found."

BSE is found in the muscle tissue of cattle eaten as beef. Furthermore, extensive testing has revealed that milk, including milk from cows infected with BSE, does not contain the infective agent. Thus, milk, and milk products such as yogurt, ice cream or cheese can be consumed safely.

"The federal government, cattle industry and food manufacturers are working together to ensure a safe food supply for the American consumer," said Hueston. "They have effective inspection programs and monitoring systems in place to ensure that beef, and food or consumer products derived from cattle are safe to eat and do not contain BSE."

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S.F. SPCA EVENTS

*Pet Loss Support Meeting, 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday August 6.

*Volunteer Orientations on Tuesday, August 6 from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, August 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

S.F. SPCA is located at 2500 16th St. Call 554-3000 for further information.

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*Landlord/Ten. Disputes.....554-9550
*Neighbor Disputes.....863-6100
*Domestic Violence.....864-4722
*Suicide Prevention Line.....221-1423
*Stray/Abused Animals.....554-6364
*Dumped Items Pickup.....695-2017
*Graffiti Cleanup.....241-WASH
*Muni Shelter Damage.....882-4949
*Community Complaints.....333-3433

Survey Finds Credit Card Issuers Using Credit Records to Set Interest Rates

Next time you apply for a low rate credit card, be prepared to face interest rate roulette. Increasingly, applicants don't know the credit card interest rate they will receive until after they apply for the card. People with excellent credit records get the best rates, and those with poorer payment histories pay significantly higher interest - while unfortunates who miss payments or bounce checks are penalized with loan shark rates.

Consumer Action's 1996 Annual Credit Card Survey finds that with credit card delinquency at a new high, some card issuers are tying interest rates to consumers' credit histories. CA believes this practice hinders consumers when they try to do comparison shopping.

Such tiered pricing dateats a major victory by consumer advocates during the 1980s, when credit card issuers were forced by federal law to disclose on their applications what the interest rate and other key conditions would be. Now some card applications display a meaningless range of possible rates. Lenders wait until the application process is complete to assign a rate based on the applicant's credit history.

This example is from a Provident Bancorp brochure: "Annual Percentage Rate of between 5.9 percent variable and 15.9 percent variable, to be determined for each account. The APR will be established between 2.35 percent below and 7.65 percent above the prime rate and will not go below the established rate."

"It banks won't quota a rate that people can use as a guideline, consumers will have to go through the entire application process before they know what they're getting," said CA Executive Director Ken McElDowney.

CA also found an increasing number of banks using interest rates to punish customers. These are called penalty or punitive rates in the industry. Cardholders with even one or two late payments - or in some cases, who pay on time but are discovered to have large, outstanding debts on cards issued by other banks - may suddenly find themselves paying as much as six percent more than other customers of the same company.

Here are some of the examples found by CA:

*Associates Bank recently sent out a preapproved offer for a card with an APR of 24.85 percent. The variable rate on this card (not included in CA's survey) was determined by adding the prime rate (currently 8.25 percent) to a margin of 16.4 percent. The agreement added: "However, if your account becomes 30 days past due or is closed because of default, the margin on the entire balance will be 20.4 percent." Penalty rate: 28.65 percent.

*Norwest Bank calls its non-teaser variable rate of 17.75 percent its Prime Performance rate. The bank reviews accounts every six months to determine whether cardholders still qualify for this rate - otherwise the rate jumps to 19.8 percent. If cardholders do not pay the minimum due in any billing period, these rates are increased by six percentage points. Penalty rate: 23.75 percent for Prime

Performers and 25.8 percent for others.

"Not only do they jack up your interest rate if you pay late, but they also hit you with late fees of up to \$25. This is blatantly unfair," said McElDowney.

According to the American Bankers Association, late payments on credit cards jumped in the first quarter to the highest level in more than 14 years. In the first three months of this year, the number of all credit card accounts that were overdue by 30 days or more jumped to 3.53 percent from 2.93 percent a little more than a year earlier.

Another trend working to put customers deeper in debt is a move by banks to lower monthly minimum payments to make their cards more attractive to customers. The typical minimum payment is now at two percent of the outstanding balance, down from four percent several years ago. At that rate, minimum payments barely cover interest charges - so the principal is barely reduced.

While CA's survey of 73 cards from 48 companies indicates that the interest rates are creeping up - especially for customers with poor credit - there is still a wide range of low rate cards. This year, CA lists 23 cards with annual percentage rates (APRs) below 14 percent.

The percentage of cards without annual fees has inched up - from 47 percent in 1995 to 51 percent this year - and the upper limit of late fees has increased from \$18 last year to \$25.

Most contenders for lowest rate card - among those with annual fees - are Arkansas-based banks, including Arkansas Federal Bank (10 percent APR), Pulaski Bank & Trust (9.45 percent) and Simmons First National Bank (9.9 percent). Arkansas has a usury rate ceiling which has kept rates low. However, these cards carry hefty annual fees of \$35 and are difficult to qualify for.

Among the lowest rates for cards without annual fees is AFBA Industrial Bank at 11.5 percent APR. In California, the lowest rate was Bank of Canton's fixed rate card with an APR of 11.5 percent - a rate unchanged since last year's survey.

Special August Events At Valley Library

Visitacion Valley Branch Library at 45 Leland Ave. offers the following scheduled events for August:

*Academy of Sciences Super Van will return one more time Thursday, August 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. with Sharks highlighting this visit.

*In Make Slime with Jason, come and learn to make slime on Saturday, August 3 at 3:30 p.m.

*Celebrate the last day of the Summer Reading Program at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 10 when the Tapagami Man will tap dance and make Origami projects at the same time.

*Preschool Videos for ages 3-5 are Wednesday, August 14 at 10 and 10:45 a.m.

*Story Time is at 12 noon on Saturday, August 17, 24 and 31.

*Preschool Story Time is Tuesday, August 20 at 10 and 10:45 a.m.

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Bump, the Grump



Recipe Corner

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE

Chocolate genoise: 4 eggs; pinch salt; 2/3 cup sugar; 1/3 cup cornstarch; 3 tbsps. cocoa powder; 2 pints baking soda; 1/3 cup cake flour; Moistening syrup: 1/2 cup water; 1/4 cup sugar; 3 tbsps. liqueur or strong coffee; Chocolate mousse: 1/2 oz. semisweet chocolate flake; 1/2 cup hot water or hot coffee; 6 egg yolks; 1/3 cup granulated sugar; 1/3 cup liqueur or strong coffee; 2-1/2 tsp. unflavored gelatin; 1/4 cup water; 2 cups heavy whipping cream; 1 cup chocolate shavings.

Unlike other one and two-layer molded cakes, this cake needs to be finished after unmolding.

Preparing the chocolate genoise: Combine and warm the eggs, salt and sugar, and whip on high speed until cool and increased in volume. Sift the remaining genoise ingredients and fold into the egg foam in three or four additions. Pour the batter onto a buttered and paper-lined 9-inch springform pan and tilt the pan so that the batter reaches to the top all around. Bake at 350 degrees F about 30 minutes. Unmold and cool on paper on a rack.

Preparing the syrup: Bring the water and sugar to a boil. Cool and stir in the liqueur or coffee.

Preparing the chocolate mousse: Combine the chocolate with the water or coffee over hot water and stir occasionally to melt the chocolate. Remove from the water and cool. Combine and warm the yolks, sugar and liqueur or coffee. Whisk constantly until the mixture thickens.

Beat on medium speed about 5 minutes until cooled and thick. Sprinkle the gelatin on the water in a small bowl and allow to stand 2 minutes to soften. Place in a pan of gently simmering water to melt.

Remove the yolk mixture from the mixer and whisk in the dissolved gelatin. Whisk in the cooled chocolate mixture. Whip the cream until it holds a soft peak and fold into the chocolate mixture.

Assembling: Cut the genoise layer horizontally into three thin layers. Place one layer in the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan and moisten it with a third of the syrup. Pour half the mousse on the layer. Repeat with the second layer, syrup and remaining mousse. End with the top layer and moisten with the remaining syrup. Wrap the pan in plastic and refrigerate the dessert at least 8 hours to set the mousse. May be prepared up to 3 days in advance up to this point.

Finishing: Whip the cream until it holds a firm peak. Using a cookie cutter or a melon ball scoop, make the chocolate shavings by dragging the tool across the surface of the chocolate. Run a small, sharp knife around the inside of the pan. Remove the side of the pan and lift it off. Spread the outside of the dessert with the whipped cream in a series of rosettes, using a pastry bag fitted with a medium size star tube, around the top border of the dessert. Sprinkle some chocolate shavings in the center of the top and a pinch on each rosette.

Holding: Keep the finished dessert refrigerated, loosely covered, up to 6 hours before serving. Serves 10.

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New Study Underscores the Importance of Dietary Fiber

Moms know best and science proves it. If there was any doubt about the importance of eating your grains, fruits and veggies, the results of a recent study of the effects of fiber consumption and heart disease should settle the matter.

Examining the eating habits of almost 44,000 middle-aged male health professionals, the Harvard School of Public Health study found that high intake of dietary fiber provides significant coronary benefits. The researchers noted the protective effect seems to be independent of age, cholesterol levels, smoking, weight and other factors associated with heart disease.

Published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the findings showed that participants who ate at least 25 grams of fiber a day had 35 percent fewer fatal and nonfatal heart attacks over a six-year period, compared to those who consumed the U.S. average, 12.4 grams.

A minimum of 2.5 grams of dietary fiber a day may provide protective benefits. To achieve this, start the day with whole grain cereal or bread, then enjoy two or four servings of fresh fruit, and three to five servings of vegetables a day. Some fiber rich foods include: whole grain products; oat, rice and wheat bran, whole grain oats; navy, kidney and soy beans; lentils; apples, broccoli; bananas and oranges.

This latest fiber update clearly supports the Dietary Guidelines for Americans which state: "Choose a diet with

plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits."

ACSM POSITION ON EXERCISE AND FLUID REPLACEMENT
Just in time for the summer rush of outdoor exercise enthusiasm, the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) reminds all athletes that fluid replacement during exercise is essential for overall fitness and performance.

In a recently released position statement, ACSM notes that health professionals agree combining a balanced diet with regular physical activity is essential for optimum well-being. But many people are unaware of the critical importance of drinking plenty of fluid while exercising or engaging in an athletic event. Adequate fluid intake and retention are significant for more than prime performance. To avoid injury, one of the most crucial exercise rules is to consume fluids before, during and after exercise.

To enhance performance, safety and health, the ACSM recommends:

*Consume a nutritionally balanced diet and drink plenty of fluids during the 24 hour period before an event.

*Drink about 17 ounces of fluid two hours before exercise.

*During exercise, athletes should drink early and often to replace fluids lost through sweating.

*To make it easier to consume ample liquids, ACSM recommends that the water be cool (59-72 degrees F), flavored, and served in containers that make it easy to drink.

*For exercise events lasting longer than one hour, proper amounts of carbohydrates (4-8 percent) and/or electrolytes should be added to water to enhance performance. The carbohydrates can be sugars or starch.

*Sodium may be added to water (.5-.7 gram per gallon of water) for exercise activities lasting longer than one hour.

For a beneficial exercise program, work up a healthy sweat and follow ACSM's good advice; don't neglect those fluids!

VITAMIN E-RICH FOODS ENHANCE HEART HEALTH
Whether its mayo on your sandwich or margarine on your bread, moderation is still the message when it comes to fat in the diet.

Fat is a vehicle for vitamins, including vitamin E, which is abundant in shortening, nuts, margarine, mayonnaise and other high fat food items. Because the body cannot produce vitamin E, it is considered an essential nutrient and must be supplied by the diet. According to a study published in the May 2 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, foods rich in vitamin E may offer protective effects against heart disease when used in moderation.

Peace Corps Exhibit At S.F. Main Library

Peace Corps continues its exhibition entitled *At Home in the World: Peace Corps at 35* through August 17 on the second and fifth floors of the S.F. Main Library.

A free-standing display featuring President John F. Kennedy and chronicling the impact Peace Corps has made since its inception in 1961 will be located across the aisle from the library gift shop. San Francisco was selected to house the JFK display because more than 23,000 of the 145,000 Americans having served in the Peace Corps have been residents of California.

Free books featuring stories of Peace Corps service, information about requirements and applications are also available.

Young Valley Artists Awarded



Seven students in a children's painting class at Visitacion Valley Community Center won an award for participating in Young Audiences' spring art exhibition "Faces of San Francisco: Faces of Change" at Levi Strauss & Co. Winning an award and prize were: Eric Chow, Christina Yan, Shirley Chow, Jacqueline Chow, Wanda Seto, Sonny Chow and Sophia Won. Painting instructors Mrs. Ng and Mr. Ng also received a certificate of achievement for encouraging creativity in the classroom.

Epidemiologic researchers from Harvard and the University of Minnesota followed the dietary habits of 34,486 post-menopausal women over seven years. They observed that those who ate higher amounts of foods rich in vitamin E considerably reduced their risk of heart disease.

The women were divided into five groups, depending upon how much vitamin E they regularly consumed. The researchers found those who had diets highest in vitamin E were 62 percent less likely to die of heart disease than those whose diets were not rich in vitamin E.

Craft Fair at Ft. Mason

More than 350 top craft artists from across the nation - leaders in the fields of ceramics, jewelry, glass, furniture and wearable art - will come together for three days at the 21st annual American Craft Council Craft Fair San Francisco, August 2-4 at Fort Mason Center's Herbst and Festival Pavilions.

Showcased will be the cutting edge of craft with age-old functional materials such as wood, clay, glass and

Another epidemiologic study published earlier this year indicated that daily intake of vitamin E capsules may help prevent heart disease. The NEJM study is the first showing that lower doses found in foods could help reduce risk.

Researchers conclude that this study is not a license to abandon lower-fat diets, but that using these products in moderation and eating a wide variety of foods may offer another step to reducing heart disease risks. So enjoy a little mayo on your next sandwich!

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Sign-ups begin 12:30 for 1 p.m. classes. Space is limited. No organized groups please. Some spaces can be reserved for members - call 554-9600 for information. Young Audiences Arts Card holders receive a 2 for 1 discount. \$4-10 a person sliding scale. Adults must accompany children under 18.

AUG. 3: Archeological Discoveries, Artifacts and Utensils: Create a miniature archeological site and make exciting discoveries. Small bowls, cups, utensils, toys, animals and figurines are among the artifacts to be made and placed in your site.

AUG. 10: Plant a Pot of Summer Plants: Pot up a container of flowers, foliage and herbs propagated from Randall's gardens. Pots provided or bring your own container with hole in the bottom.

AUG. 17: See Shells: Explore extensive collections of sea shells. Learn about the

animals that made them and take home some samples to start your own collection.

AUG. 24: Whose Feet? Different feet for different folks. Bring a pillowcase or a t-shirt (or buy a t-shirt at the museum for \$4) and print a foot story of your own.

AUG. 31: Ad-Hoc Sculpture: Create unique sculptures with wood from the museum's abundant scrap chest. Paint them with tempera paint and take them with you. Dress to paint.

FAMILY CERAMICS
There is a Family Ceramics hour for ages 3 and up on Saturday, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

FREE ON SATURDAYS
Animal Feeding at 12 noon; *Animal Talk* at 2:15 p.m.; *Model Railroad Exhibit* on second and fourth Saturday, 12:30 to 5 p.m.; *Hill Restoration* on August 31, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.



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